

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Armeno. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended, and notice has been forwarded to the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board maintained at the Sussex County Administrative Center for public announcement.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Landrith, Andover Borough
Brian VanDenBroek, Franklin Borough
Jeffrey Butz, Vice-Chairman, Fredon Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Geraldine Pflugh, Stillwater Township
John Armeno, Chairman, At-Large
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large
Kathy Little, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Joe Pinzone, Sandyston Township
James Benson, Stanhope Borough
Denise Webb, Wantage Township
Ernie Hofer, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Alice Brees, Principal Planner
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Owen Dykstra, Sparta Recreation Center
Representative from Sparta Recreation Center

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Geraldine Pflugh to approve the Minutes of June 10, 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Brian VanDenBroek and John Armeno. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alice Brees reviewed the correspondence listed on the attached sheet and answered questions on Correspondence Number Two.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT:

Alice Brees reported that since Byram agreed to go with Plan Conformance with the Highlands Council, their Wastewater Plan is now under the jurisdiction of the Highlands rather than DEP. Ms. Brees provided Byram staff with a copy of what is currently in the County Wastewater Plan. Since the Highlands Council approved Byram's Center, hopefully they will bring back their sewer service areas and it will be inserted into the County's plan.

The DEP grant for Rutgers Green Infrastructure is in place. This topic will be covered in more detail later in the Agenda.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

County Counsel was excused from this evening's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR SPARTA RECREATION CENTER, WMP AMENDMENT:

The Draft Resolution for the Sparta Recreation Center WMP Amendment was provided to the PAC members. Chairman Armeno read the Resolution into the meeting.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Geraldine Pflugh to approve the Resolution for the Sparta Recreation Center WMP Amendment. The motion was seconded by David Muscalo. A suggestion was made to remove the word, "for" from the fourth "Whereas" paragraph. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor to approve the Resolution as amended.

B. DEP REVIEW OF SUSSEX COUNTY WMP:

Alice Brees reported that there has been no progress on the DEP review of the Sussex County Wastewater Management Plan; nor has there been any information from DEP regarding their Highlands policies. The last information the County received was that

DEP would talk to the Highlands Council Director to discuss policies whether Wastewater Management Plans would be consistent in the Highlands Planning Areas.

As of Monday, there is no longer a State Office of Smart Growth. That office is now called the Office of Planning Advocacy and is under the Lieutenant Governor.

C. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Jeffrey Butz reported that the Paulins Kill Pequest Watershed Association has been actively writing letters concerning the proposed power lines running through the Paulins Kill Watershed. The main concern is with the access roads that they will build to construct the proposed towers, since the roads will cross the wetlands.

D. RUTGERS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:

A copy of the Freeholders Resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Rutgers University for Green Infrastructure was provided to the PAC members along with a Scope of Work involved. There will be a presentation for engineers, municipalities, environmental commissions and staff regarding the four projects which should occur by June. Alice will notify the towns by e-mail as information becomes available. Information will also be posted on the County website.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter is being sent to the Municipalities that do not have representation on PAC and to towns where their representatives have four or more consecutive unexcused absences from meetings. Ten towns will receive letters.

Eleanor Mensonides talked about and demonstrated an odor eliminator called, "NI 712 Odor Eliminator." The manufacturer has worked with landfills, wastewater stations, hospitals, in industry and in homes. It has been successfully used at a landfill located next to a train station by the use of large scale atomizers that spray at set intervals.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Little reported on a new type of septic system. This system uses peat moss as its purifier and is being done by a company called, "Eco Pure." There will be a seminar on this new system at the Holiday Inn Express in Newton, possibly on October 21. This system has been approved by DEP.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Geraldine Pflugh. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.