

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Butz. 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  
Troy Orr, Branchville Borough  
Jeffrey Butz, Vice-Chairman, Fredon Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
David Muscalo, Lafayette Township  
Paul Baldwin, Town of Newton  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
James Benson, Stanhope Borough  
Lisa Chammings, Stillwater Township  
Richard Gottemoller, At-Large  
Kathy Little, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large  
John Nugent, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Vita Thompson, Andover Township  
Brian Van Den Broek, Franklin Borough  
Denise Webb, Wantage Township  
John Armeno, Chairman, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Alice Brees, Principal Planner

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by David Muscalo to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2012. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Paul Baldwin, Eric Powell, Jim Benson, Lisa Chamblings, Richard Gottemoller and John Nugent. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Alice Brees reviewed the correspondence listed on the attached sheet. No questions were raised.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:**

Alice Brees said most of her work for PAC this month was related to the Sewer Map.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. FUTURE SEWER SERVICE AREA MAP AND DEP LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE , 8/22/12:

Alice Brees said since the last meeting, County Planning staff submitted the Sewer Service Area Map to DEP and then received their review letter. DEP is now looking at the Sewer Area Map as it relates to the new legislation that was passed in January. This legislation allows the map to go through the process first and get approved before the County Wastewater Plan document is submitted.

Ms. Brees displayed a copy of the original map and said the right hand side shows sewer service areas. On the left is the map in progress which is in response to the DEP review letter. DEP now wants a distinction on the map between the surface water discharge and discharge to ground water. Those will be shown by number and will correspond to a list. The boundaries have not changed, only the way it appears on the map.

DEP made some comments about the McAfee Legends Resort property. Some environmental studies were done on the Natural Heritage Priority Site. DEP wants that portion of property to come out of the sewer service area.

The map also shows draft sites – proposed areas that came in during the comment period last year. DEP said these sites can be shown on the sewer map; however, DEP needs to know if it will be a discharge to surface water or discharge to ground water.

David Muscalo asked if all of the new sites that have requested to be placed in the sewer service areas have been accepted. Ms. Brees said there are still areas, such as in Stanhope, where DEP said no. She added that many sites have been removed from sewer service areas because of DEP's habitat criteria using their Landscape map. DEP removed some sewer areas even where the sewer line already exists in front of the property. Further into the process, each town will have to do a Municipal

Endorsement from the governing body. Ms. Brees said she is still working on getting information from the towns.

B. WATERSHED UPDATES: UPPER DELAWARE, WALLKILL:

Jeffrey Butz said he did not have anything to report for the Upper Delaware Watershed and no one was present to speak about the Wallkill Watershed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Baker. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.