

Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee
Whippany River Watershed Management Group
Minutes of the October 5, 2005 Meeting

Attendance:

- SAL IANNACCONO—HANOVER TOWNSHIP
- HANK SAWOSKI—MORRIS PLAINS
- RALPH RHODES—MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
- BRIAN MARSHALL—MOUNTAIN LAKES
- ART VESPIGNANI—PARSIPPANY
- TOM KENNY—MORRIS TOWNSHIP
- GEORGE VANORDEN, HANOVER TOWNSHIP, MADISON
- AMY DIBARTOLO—EAST HANOVER
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TOWNSHIP
- LOUISE JENSEN—FACILITATOR
- DEBORAH MCCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR

Management Group:

- MICHELLE BURKE—MCMUA

Absent Municipalities:

- DENVILLE
- MORRISTOWN
- MENDHAM BORO
- FLORHAM PARK

Sal Iannaccone, Chair, convened WRWAC meeting at 6:07pm.

Announcements

- Morristown Clean-Up on October 8, 2005
- Thank you note from Kathy Duane for award at September Awards Ceremony
- Stream Restoration Workshop on November 5, 2005, Raritan Twp, all-day
- WRWAC hike at Whippany headwaters on November 5, 2005, 10am
- WRWAC workshop on Stormwater Mitigation, October 27, 2005, all-day

Meeting of the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee was closed, in order to call to order the Whippany River Management Group at 6:15 pm.

- Sal Iannaccone called for any business. Given that there was no business and no public discussion, the Management Group meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee meeting was re-opened at 6:18pm.

Minutes of June 2005 meeting—Deborah McComber. Minutes were unanimously approved with correction: Nancy Bangiola's listing was corrected to *Donna* Bangiola.

Membership—it was noted that Madison's reps are George VanOrden, William Hutchinson and Bob Conly. Ernest Cicconi is no longer a member.

Nominating Committee—Art Vespignani

- Anyone wishing to chair or be on the committee is welcome.
- Since no other volunteers, Art Vespignani will chair.

- Brian Marshall and Tom Kenny will join him and present nominees for 2006 Board at the next AC meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Amy DiBartolo

- There is a new format isolating general revenue from restricted revenue.
- We received the check from the Whippany River Watershed Association for \$1430.75 to be used for Patriots Path at Speedwell.
- Total income is \$43,563.95 available for spending; perhaps the Program Committee should identify projects to be funded by some of this money. Ex. seed money for Black Brook project.
- Note breakdown of funds by grant; Troy Brook will be added to the breakdown in the next report even though we do not handle those funds.
- The Executive Committee approved the purchase of a Power Point projector.
- Amy is now working on the 2006 budget.
- The financial report was approved unanimously.

Speakers—see the list of potential speakers in the Executive Committee minutes.

Grant Review—Sal Iannaccone called attention to the Facilitator's Report in the meeting package.

- **Lakes Study**—George VanOrden noted activity to date. Final report is due the end of October 2005. All sampling is finished as is graphing and mapping. Interesting results. Speedwell Lake is in bad shape with dense algae and heavy phosphorous content. Bee Meadow Pond has periodic fish kill in the fall which is due to layers of warm water on top of cold and the depth of each. George is hoping to bring in a technical consultant from Rutgers to give a presentation with recommendations on how to deal with results and offer solutions—maybe a half-day seminar.
- **Stewardship** of former projects is being considered by the Program Committee.
- **Speedwell**—Four WRWAC members cleaned up, removed fencing and seeded on a work day in September. Morristown is watering the seeded area.
- **Model Ordinances**—plan to post ordinances and town compliance on website.
- **Troy Brook**—a group from Rutgers met with the NJDEP. Phase 2 is completed. Next step is a public discussion and meeting with engineers from participating municipalities. How can the results of the project be applied to improve the watershed?
- **Black Brook**—declined by NJDEP. The Program Committee is looking at alternate funding; the project may be broken up into pieces and funded individually.

Outreach—Louise Jensen

- Note October workshop, November hike, developing website and revised brochure.
- Louise, with help of AC members, is making Power Point presentations to member town councils. Next, we would like members to meet with their towns and come up with project ideas.

Green Table—Amy DiBartolo.

- There was a meeting on September 25, 2005 on Open Space.
- The group welcomes suggestions on topics for the next meeting in January 2006. They look for regional themes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Deborah McComber, Administrator