

Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee
Whippany River Watershed Management Group
Minutes of the April 5, 2006 Meeting

Attendance:

- BRIAN MARSHALL—MOUNTAIN LAKES
- ART VESPIGNANI—PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
- AMY DiBARTOLO—EAST HANOVER
- RALPH RHODES—MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
- VINCE NOVAK—MORRIS PLAINS
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- HANK SAWOSKI—MORRIS PLAINS
- BOB CONLEY—MADISON BORO
- STAN WITCZAK—MENDHAM BORO
- MICHELLE BURKE—MCMUA
- JANIS SLUTSKY—MENDHAM BORO
- BOB STRECHAY—PARSIPPANY
- DONNA BANGIOLA—MORRISTOWN
- RAY ZABIHACH—MORRIS CO. PLANNING BOARD
- LOUISE JENSEN—FACILITATOR
- DEBORAH McCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR
- JEANNETTE STEIN—INTERN
- AL LAWRENCE—PARSIPPANY
- BARBARA FREUND—PARSIPPANY
- MIKE BRENNAN—MORRIS TWP
- DENISE LANZA—MORRIS CO. PARKS
- ALLISON PARA—MONTVILLE/USGBC
- PAUL MILLER—MORRISTOWN
- DR. LYNN L. SIEBERT—MORRIS TWP AND BURNHAM PARK ASSOCIATION
- MARY LOUISE SMITH—MORRISTOWN
- ANDREW G. HUDACEK—MORRESTOWN
- DAVID GRANT—GERALDINE R. DODGE FOUNDATION
- PAUL LALLI—GENSLER
- JULIA SOMERS—GSWA
- CAROLLE HUBER

Absent Municipalities:

- DENVILLE
- FLORHAM PARK
- HANOVER

Art Vespignani, Vice-Chair, convened Whippany River Watershed Management Group meeting at 6:00pm.

- On March 8, 2006, there was a stakeholders meeting on the Troy Brook project. A preliminary report on Milestone 2 was distributed with a request for review/comments from the stakeholders by March 24. A draft report incorporating these comments will be issued tomorrow. The regional plan will be ready by the end of the year.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

Whippany River Watershed Action Committee meeting was opened at 6:03pm.

Presentation—A discussion of Green Buildings/Sustainable Communities was provided by David Grant of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Paul Lalli from Gensler contractors. Mr. Grant presented details on the Green Building being built in Morristown to house Dodge Foundation, the

Seeing Eye Foundation adjunct and the Morristown Partnership. A sustainable building/community meets the needs of the present without compromising the future. It is good for the environment, the people involved, and makes economics sense. It encompasses not just materials but an integrated strategy.

Minutes of March 2006 meeting—*Amy DiBartolo reported in Deborah McComber's absence*

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report—*Amy DiBartolo*

- The treasurer's report was read with no comment.
- Either vouchers or dues have been received from all members and the county.
- The budget was adopted unanimously.

Executive Committee—*Louise Jensen*

- GSE to attend the 4/26 Executive Committee meeting and give a presentation.
- NOAA interested in fishery based restoration project at Speedwell Lake.
- Lakes Study Seminar was well received.
- Donna Bangiola, Janice Slutsky, Douglas Vorolieff and Jeanette Stein attended the County Parks egg addling training. WRWAC is seeking to hand off addling in Burnham Park to Morristown.
- Louise will send a letter to DEP with recommendations for the unused portion of the Speedwell grant (\$18,000).
- Louise asked members to come out and help at the 4/23 clean-up and planting at Speedwell.
- There will be a 5/12 clean up with the Hacklebarney Chapter of Trout Unlimited with volunteers from Chubb to clean up a stretch along 287 in Morristown.
- We sent in an Intent to file for Black Brook RSWP and follow-up work to the Sanitary Survey to NJDEP for 319h grants.

Outreach—*Amy DiBartolo*

- The WRWAC canoe trip is 4/29; must wear PFD and waterproof shoes/boots. Please sign up if interested.
- NJDEP non point source pollution posters were handed out to members.
- Amy explained the waterbucks rewards program again and handed out an incentive chart.
- Members were asked to notify us of locations of watershed signs in their towns.

Facilitator Report—*Louise Jensen*

- Website almost ready.
- A Mayor's Roundtable will be held on 5/3 at the Hamilton Club in Morris Township with Ray Zabihach speaking on the importance of Stormwater Management Plans and what they can do for your community. Members should check with mayors to make sure they got the invitation and can attend.
- Ovo control for geese material was handed out.
- Plans for a summer Hackensack River Boat Ride were discussed.
- We will look into requirements to be a "Riverkeeper" for the Whippany; the title "keeper" is trademarked. Ted Largman expressed interest in the program.
- On April 20 is a "NJ Water Monitoring and Assessment Technical Workshop" at Rutgers EcoComplex in Columbus, NJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

The next meeting is May 3, 2006.

Deborah McComber and Amy DiBartolo