

**Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee**  
**Whippany River Watershed Management Group**  
**Minutes of the May 3, 2006 Meeting**

**Attendance:**

- BRIAN MARSHALL—MOUNTAIN LAKES
- ART VESPIGNANI—PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
- AMY DIBARTOLO—EAST HANOVER
- SAL IANNACCONO—HANOVER TOWNSHIP
- VINCE NOVAK—MORRIS PLAINS
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- HANK SAWOSKI—MORRIS PLAINS
- BOB STRECHAY—PARSIPPANY
- DONNA BANGIOLA—MORRISTOWN
- LOUISE JENSEN—FACILITATOR
- DEBORAH MCCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR
- JEANNETTE STEIN—INTERN
- JON WRIGHT—TROUT UNLIMITED
- JEFF KURT—PRESIDENT TROUT UNLIMITED
- RICH TAUBALD—MORRIS PLAINS

**Absent Municipalities:**

- DENVILLE
- FLORHAM PARK
- MADISON
- MENDHAM BORO
- MENDHAM TWP

**Whippany River Watershed Action Committee meeting was opened at 6:07pm by Sal Iannaccone, Chair.**

**Speaker: Passaic River Institute in Montclair, NJ—Dr. Michael Kruge, Associate Dean, Montclair State University**

- Planning to build an Environmental Center on lower Passaic River with a field station
- Grant writing
- Analyze ecological effects of contaminants
- Identify source of pollutants
- Working with WRWAC to propose additional work at Speedwell Lake
- Goal is to partner with WRWAC on several proposed projects

**Sal Iannaccone, Chair, convened Whippany River Watershed Management Group meeting at 6:45pm.** Art Vespignani noted that the Troy Brook Milestone 2 draft is due very shortly.

**Minutes of April 2006 meeting—Deborah McComber**

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report—Amy DiBartolo**

- Amy purchased a CD for WRWAC in amount of \$40,000 for nine months with withdrawal rights. The CD purchase was approved unanimously.

**Executive Committee—Louise Jensen**

- Louise noted that we received a thank you letter from the E. Hanover Historical Society for the WRWAC presentation by Amy DiBartolo.

### **Facilitator Report**—*Louise Jensen*

- **Speedwell Lake** held its clean-up and planting day on April 23. Great success. There was lots of planting along edge of parking lot.
- A big issue is **handing-off projects** to towns after projects are finished. Morristown has been notified that they must not destroy buffers when mowing at Burnham Park and they need to take charge of adding geese eggs there each spring. In future, members need to liaison with towns to maintain project sites.
- **Bryants Stream**—Planning to put in shrubs and fencing. The Little League is distributing brochures and putting up posters asking fans to avoid playing around the stream. The DPW is expanding across the street, and Louise is meeting with them for a walk-through.
- **Black Brook**—We are looking again at DEP funding and at alternative funding; May 10<sup>th</sup> is a preapplication meeting with the DEP; Souza, Princeton Hydro, is assisting in this proposed project. Stonybrook Millstone is a possible funding source.
- **TMDL Study**—Also proposing a project based on our Sanitary Survey; DEP wants 58% reduction in TMDL's for fecal coliform; need to identify nonpoint sources on the Whippany.

### **Outreach**—*Amy DiBartolo*

- We are asking members to volunteer for **speaker training** to make WRWAC presentations to outside organizations—Art Vespignani, Hank Sawoski, Donna Bangiola and Rich Taubald volunteered. They will meet with Brian Marshall and Amy DiBartolo at a time convenient for all to learn the Power Point presentation. Emails were exchanged.
- We are ordering decals to give to groups/store fronts/individuals for a donation of \$10 or more. We need to design a “request for donation” form.
- Amy handed out waterbucks to members who had earned them.
- The Canoe Trip was a great success—there were both canoes and kayaks; sandwiches were provided; there was lots of trash in the river, which was collected by participants; Brian entertained the group with his bird identification expertise.
- Mayors' Roundtable was this morning. Reps from 11 towns attended including the mayors of Randolph and Denville. Hosts were Jack Shrier, Sal Iannaccone and Art Vespignani. Ray Zabihack spoke on the state stormwater regulations. It was emphasized that the Model Ordinances are powerful tools for the towns. WRWAC started out as a mayors' group in 1998. Many towns have much to do to comply with the stormwater regulations.

### **Clean-Up with Trout Unlimited**—*Jon Wright, Trout Unlimited*

- Jon asked for volunteers to join Trout Unlimited at a cleanup day on May 12 from 9am-2:30pm.
- Morris Land Conservancy is helping out with volunteers. Lunch will be provided by Chubb. Please meet behind Acorn Hall in Morristown. Debbie will send out an email reminder to members. Need to RSVP for lunch count. Rich Taubald plans to attend.

### **New Business**—*Louise Jensen*

- Debbie will email a flyer to members about a May 19 presentation (9:30am-12pm) of the final report of the Phosphorous Study conducted by OMNI.
- There is an upcoming conference at Stokes Environmental Center presented by the NJ Association of Water Resources. Copies of the registration form are available.
- There is a Green Table meeting on May 23 at 8am.
- Donna Bangiola asked about storm drain retrofits required under the stormwater regulations. Towns need to filter storm drains at outfall sites by some future date. This will cost them about \$100 per drain.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.**

**The next meeting is June 7, 2006.**

*Deborah McComber*