

Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee

Whippany River Watershed Management Group

Minutes of the November 1, 2006 Meeting

Attendance:

- SAL IANNACCONE—HANOVER TOWNSHIP
- BRIAN MARSHALL—MT. LAKES
- JANIS SLUTSKY—MENDHAM BORO
- VINCE NOVAK—MORRIS PLAINS
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- STAN WITCZAK—MENDHAM BORO
- CHRIS MANAK—EAST HANOVER
- AMY DIBARTOLO—EAST HANOVER
- HANK SAWOSKI—MORRIS PLAINS
- RAY ZABIHACH—MORRIS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
- BOB STRECHAY—PARSIPPANY
- MICHELLE BURKE—MCMUA
- RALPH RHODES—MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
- RICH TAUBALD—GENERAL PUBLIC
- DONNA BANGIOLA—POCAHONTAS LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- KATHLEEN MARGIOTTA--MORRISTOWN
- LOUISE JENSEN—MORRIS TWP
- NANCY B. COLEMAN—PARSIPPANY
- DEBORAH McCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR
- JEFF KURT—PRESIDENT TROUT UNLIMITED
- ATHENA SARAFIDES—DIVISION OF SCIENCE, RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY, NJDEP
- KEVIN GRAZUL—GENERAL PUBLIC
- MIKE DAIGLE—DAILY RECORD

Absent Municipalities:

- DENVILLE
- FLORHAM PARK
- MADISON

Whippany River Watershed Management Group public meeting was opened at 6:05pm by Sal Iannaccone, Chair. There were no announcements nor public comment. The meeting ended at 6:06pm.

Sal Iannaccone, Chair, convened the WRWAC meeting at 6:06pm. Attendees introduced themselves. Sal introduced the speaker, Athena Sarafides, from the NJDEP Division of Science, Research & Technology. Ms Sarafides discussed the NJ Sustainable Communities Initiative.

- This initiative addresses society, the environment and the economy.
- There are many approaches that communities can use; Athena is working with several towns and a county to help them become environmentally sustainable
- Anyone interested in a list of resources can contact Deborah McComber, WRWAC administrator, or go to www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/sustcommunities.htm .
- There is a primer on How to Become an Environmentally Sustainable Community at www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/bscit/howtobecome-esc.pdf.
- The NJ Clean Energy Program provides partial funding for municipal building energy audits. There is a guidebook.
- Athena will be glad to provide a presentation to individual municipalities.

Minutes of October 2006 meeting—Deborah McComber

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report—Amy DiBartolo

- We have an available balance of \$13,163.45 plus a CD with \$40,759.
- We received a clean audit for 2005.
- Amy is working on the 2007 budget.
- The October 2006 treasurers report was unanimously approved.

Executive Committee—Deborah McComber

- See facilitator's report. Please review the EC minutes for details.

Facilitator's Report—Louise Jensen for Art Vespignani

- The NJDEP approved a change in scope of work and the reallocation of the remaining \$16,000 in funds for **Speedwell Lake**. We have installed signs in English and Spanish, which we hope will reduce vandalism. We need to install stone. Art is facilitating that work this month. Under the new scope of work, Kirk Barrett and others from Passaic River Institute will work on determining where the scouring basin sediment is coming from, why and how it can be reduced. He is checking sedimentation monthly. He is coordinating measurements with the nearby wastewater treatment plant output. There is also a study being done by Morris Twp on the water quality upstream.
- Louise talked to a rep from **Novartis** about helping with the Black Brook study and education and outreach.
- The County Wide Clean Up on April 21, 2007 is on the same day as Morristown's clean up. Kathleen Margiotta spoke about needs along a waterway in Morristown, up past the Burger King mall. Morristown Kiwanis sponsored a cleanup there last fall, but more needs to be done. The goal for the April Clean Up is to involve every one of our member towns. East Hanover is already on board, and so now, is Morristown.

Outreach—Amy DiBartolo

- There was a PowerPoint presentation to Morris Plains Rotary Club on October 27. Another is planned for Florham Park Rotary Club on November 10.
- The hike was cancelled due to heavy rain and wind. We may reschedule for the spring.
- November 29 is our Water Quality workshop.
- There will be a watershed-wide clean up sponsored by Trout Unlimited on April 21, 2007.
- Our next AC meeting on December 6 is a holiday celebration with the handing out of prizes in exchange for Waterbucks. The speaker had to cancel, but another will be arranged.

Nominating Committee—Brian Marshall

- We need members to volunteer for the Executive Committee—3 or 4 including a vice-chair and secretary.
- We will hold the election in January, after towns have selected members for 2007.
- Please contact your towns if you want to be an official member or wish to recommend someone. Towns require input or will likely assume the same membership as in previous years. Towns do not know who is active unless they receive feedback from their own representatives.

New Business

- Donna Bangiola attended the Morris Twp Goose Workshop. The plan is to coordinate ALL towns and ALL waterways in the region with goose management so geese have NOWHERE TO HIDE. Expectations are that the goose population will continue to grow at a huge rate unless coordinated efforts to control population stem the tide.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next meeting is December 6.

The next Executive Committee meeting is after the workshop on November 29.

Deborah McComber