

# Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee

## Whippany River Watershed Management Group

### Minutes of the June 6, 2007 Meeting

#### Attendance:

- ART VESPIGNANI—FACILITATOR, WRWAC
- AMY DiBARTOLO—TREASURER, WRWAC; EAST HANOVER
- SAL IANNACONE—CHAIR WRWAC, HANOVER
- BOB STRECHAY—PARSIPPANY
- DONNA BANGIOLA—MORRISTOWN
- RICH TAUBALD—HANOVER
- DEBORAH McCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR, WRWAC
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- PEGGY ADAMS—FREEHOLDERS OF MORRIS COUNTY
- LOUISE JENSEN—VICE-CHAIR, WRWAC; MORRIS TOWNSHIP
- NANCY COLEMAN—PARSIPPANY
- RALPH RHODES—MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
- RAY ZABIHACH—MORRIS CO. PLANNING BOARD
- ART CATALUSCI—MORRIS COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM MANAGER
- JEFFREY HUPPERT—PARSIPPANY
- JEFF KURT—HACKLEBARNEY, TROUT UNLIMITED

#### Absent Municipalities:

- DENVILLE
- FLORHAM PARK
- MADISON
- MENDHAM BORO
- MT. LAKES
- MORRIS PLAINS

**The Whippany River Watershed Management Group public meeting** was opened at 6:07pm by Sal Iannaccone, Chair. There was no discussion, no public input. The meeting was closed at 6:08pm.

**Sal opened the WRWAC meeting at 6:08pm. He introduced the speaker, Joe Mattle from the Division of Water Supply at NJDEP.** Mr. Mattle discussed present and future needs for water supply in NJ. The latest Water Supply Plan will be issued in two months. Handouts are available from Deborah McComber, Administrator.

**Minutes of May 2, 2007 meeting—Deborah McComber, Administrator**

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report—Amy DiBartolo, Treasurer**

- We have received 100% of dues from members.
- We received a Passaic River Institute bill which will be reviewed at the next EC meeting.
- The May 2007 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**Executive Committee Report—Deborah McComber**

- To be covered during this meeting.

**Facilitator's Report—Art Vespignani**

- **Speedwell Lake**—we have received a draft report from Kirk Barrett, Passaic River Institute, concerning Phase 2 of Speedwell Lake; the final report is due at the end of June; copies of the draft report can be obtained from Deborah McComber. Today's handouts contain copies of the Speedwell Lake quarterly report, which was issued to NJDEP on May 15. Amy asks that any towns that provided in-kind contributions to this project notify her.

- **Sanitary Survey**—Steve Sousa, Princeton Hydro, is in contact with Pat Rector, NJDEP, and has sent her the proposal. Pat feels we can obtain funding from NJDEP sources other than the usual 319. Art notes that volunteers can help with this project, if approved, by doing visual assessments of the waterways. There was a Visual Assessment Seminar on May 11 which was attended by Art, Amy DiBartolo and Donna Bangiola. We can put together another seminar in our area with support by Katie Buckley at Rutgers if desired.
- **Western Avenue**—still waiting for cost estimates from Morris Twp.
- **Black Brook**—still waiting for response from Victoria Foundation due this month.
- **Troy Brook**—Mt. Lakes accepted the resolution to accept the plan. Parsippany is reviewing the plan and will hopefully approve at the June 19 town meeting. Sal Iannaccone provided information along with the resolution to Hanover for review. Sal and Art will attend the June 19 meeting at NJDEP when the plan is officially presented.

#### **Outreach Committee**—*Amy DiBartolo*

- Art Catalusci handed out a brochure about **Stormwater Management that is targeted to small businesses**. He will distribute to the Morris County offices, town offices and contact small business groups and chamber of commerces. Art is also working on a simple “don’t litter” sign which would be posted in both English and Spanish.
- There will be an **Outreach meeting on June 14 at 7pm**. Room TBA.
- The **hike** has been rescheduled for the fall, but no date has been determined.
- The **Hackensack River trip** is on July 20. We will carpool from East Hanover at 4:30pm. The trip itself will run from 6-8:00pm. Please register with Debbie McComber at [wrwac@optonline.net](mailto:wrwac@optonline.net) or 973-267-1224. Friends, nonmembers are welcome. We can take about 30 people.

#### **Program Committee**—*Louise Jensen for George VanOrden*

- There will be a meeting in June or July but no date has been determined.
- Ray Zabihach noted that there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss phosphorous TMDLs in the upper Passaic River basin. There is a proposal by NJDEP to lower the levels allowed for phosphorous in NJ. Ray noted that the best policy would be to forbid the sale of fertilizer with phosphorous in it as has been done in other states.

#### **Membership**—*Deborah McComber*

- Please contact the co-chairs of the Outreach Committee (Amy DiBartolo or Louise Jensen) or Program Committee (George VanOrden) if you are interested in joining. Debbie handed out a list of current members on the committees. It was noted that Louise should be taken off the Program Committee and Art added.

#### **New Business**—*Louise Jensen*

- Donna Bangiola received an award from the NJ Clean Communities Council for her “adoption” of the train station in Morristown.
- Ted Largman asked if the Action Committee should be involved in the preparation of town master plans. Louise and Art will review some plans and see if our input might be helpful.
- Rich Taubald asked committee members to talk to their local schools about possible WRWAC presentations for the next school year.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.**

**The next AC meeting is September 12, 2007.**

**The next Executive Committee meeting is June 20, 2007.**

*Deborah McComber*