

# Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee

## Whippany River Watershed Management Group

### Minutes of the October 3, 2007 Meeting

#### Attendance:

- ART VESPIGNANI—FACILITATOR, WRWAC
- AMY DiBARTOLO—TREASURER, WRWAC; EAST HANOVER
- SAL IANNACCONE—CHAIR WRWAC, HANOVER
- JIM BARANSKI—HANOVER
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- LOUISE JENSEN—MORRIS TWP, VICE-CHAIR WRWAC
- RICH TAUBALD—HANOVER
- DEBORAH McCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR, WRWAC
- PEGGY ADAMS—FREEHOLDERS OF MORRIS COUNTY
- PAT RECTOR—NJDEP
- MICHAEL D'ALTILIO—MORRISTOWN
- JEFF KURT—HACKLEBARNEY, TROUT UNLIMITED
- BRIAN MARSHALL—SECRETARY, WRWAC, MOUNTAIN LAKES
- MICHELLE BURKE—MCMUA

#### Absent Municipalities:

- DENVILLE
- FLORHAM PARK
- MADISON
- MORRIS PLAINS
- MENDHAM BORO
- MENDHAM TWP
- PARSIPPANY

**The Whippany River Watershed Management Group public meeting** was opened at 6:15pm by Sal Iannaccone, Chair. There was no discussion, no public input. The meeting was closed at 6:16pm.

#### **Sal opened the WRWAC meeting at 6:16pm.**

**Michael D'Altilio, Town Planner for Morristown** announced an \$80,000 grant for a study by the Army Corps of Engineers of the Whippany River in Morristown beginning in January 2008. An outcome of the study would likely be the recommended dredging of Speedwell Lake. The Action Committee noted that it has just completed a study of Speedwell Lake which addressed sedimentation and phosphorus content; the results of this project should be reviewed before the Morristown study goes forward. Mr. D'Altilio will forward the Army Corps' scope of work to the Action Committee. Debbie McComber will send the WRWAC Speedwell Lake study, completed in June 2007, to Mr. D'Altilio.

**Sal introduced Pat Rector, NJDEP, who spoke on the topic of STEPL, a relatively new cumulative BMP model which analyzes the total load reduction on a HUC 14 based on the results of a particular implementation project .** Pat applied the model to Speedwell Lake using the WRWAC project statistics with relatively good results. THE NJDEP will be asking people with implementation projects to submit data for this model as part of the project.

#### **Minutes of September 12, 2007 meeting—Deborah McComber, Administrator**

- Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

- The treasurer's report for August was presented and was approved unanimously. We received our last payment from Rutgers on the Troy Brook project.

#### **Executive Committee Report—Art Vespignani**

- To be covered during this meeting.

### **Facilitator's Report—Art Vespignani**

- **Western Avenue**—Jim Slate, Morris Twp, is putting together cost estimates for addressing the culvert at Western Avenue. Louise is following up with Slate.
- **Speedwell Lake**—under review by NJDEP.
- **Sanitary Survey**—in the hands of the NJDEP.
- **Black Brook**—searching for alternative funding sources.
- **Troy Brook**—closed. Received last payment from Rutgers.

### **Program Committee—Art Vespignani**

- The committee met last month; Debbie will forward the minutes to AC members.
- Next meeting is Nov 20 at 8am at Hanover Town Hall.
- New projects were discussed based on the Tory Brook Management Plan, Part B.
- Program Committee members are reaching out to towns involved (Mt. Lakes, Hanover, Parsippany) with possible projects; Sal talked about rain gardens with Hanover.
- The NJDEP proposal submittal deadline for 319 projects is next spring, but Pat noted that proposals can be submitted ahead of time for discussion.

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

- **Speakers Bureau**—Amy has updated the presentation. Rich Taubald is our main presenter and is contacting high schools.
- Art will send out maps of the watershed to members and ask that they note where existing **watershed signs** are.
- The **Speedwell Lake** presentation is almost ready.
- A **hike** along Patriots Path from Speedwell Lake, Morristown, to Central Park, Hanover is planned for October 13 at 9:30am. Contact Deborah McComber if you plan to attend. Friends are welcome.
- Posting on the **website** is temporarily on hold while Madison changes servers.

### **Membership—Deborah McComber**

- Jim Baranski is interested in joining the Outreach Committee.

### **New Business—Art Vespignani**

- The Passaic Valley Ground Water Protection Committee is hosting a **Groundwater Summit** on Thursday, October 25 from 8:30am to 12 noon at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Contact Michelle Burke for details and registration.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.**

**The next AC meeting is November 7, 2007. Amy DiBartolo is speaking on Woodlot Conservation. The next Executive Committee meeting is October 17, 2007.**

*Deborah McComber*