

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

January 8, 2013

Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ

Members Present:	
George Bakun, PE – Business & Industry Robert Breslin – AFL-CIO Stan Cach, PE, PP, BCEE – NJDEP, Liaison James Cosgrove, PE – NJ Society of PEs Russell Furnari, P.E. - PSE&G	Pamela Goodwin, Esq. – General Public Tony McCracken, P.P. – General Public Lou Neely, League of Municipalities Chris Sturm – General Public Anthony Valente – Department of Labor
Others: Helen Heinrich, ASLA - NJ Farm Bureau Gerry Skrajewski, MFCE, NJDEP	

The meeting was called to order by James Cosgrove @ 10:10 a.m. (Pam Goodwin joined the meeting @ 10:20 am.)

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER'S 2012 MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS:

The Highlights for December's meetings were distributed. Lou Neely made a motion to approve the meeting Highlights, and Russ Furnari seconded the motion. The Highlights for December's meeting were approved.

DEP UPDATE:

Stan Cach reported that a priority of the Department is the recovery and rebuild of New Jersey after Super Storm Sandy. The Department has been meeting with FEMA, USEPA, etc., for example, regarding funding. Also, the Department has been having Roundtable Meetings with officials from the Towns; the Utilities; Experts; and other State Agencies obtaining their comments and recommendations. The Department is compiling the lessons learned and reviewing the applicable regulations considering resiliency, FEMA's new Advisory Base Flood Elevations and the Department's Flood Hazard Area - Emergency Rule.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that we have reached out to the Commissioner's Office to coordinate his schedule to be the Keynote Speaker at the upcoming CWC Public Hearing. A question was asked if the Department is still interested in holding the Public Hearing now. Chair Pam Goodwin asked Stan to confirm with Director Putnam and Assistant Commissioner Siekerka that it is still important to schedule the Public Hearing. The CWC wants to make sure that the timing and topic of the Public Hearing is still relevant to the Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Russ Furnari made a motion to see if Assistant Commissioner Siekerka wants to meet with a small group of Council members to set the Agenda and Date for the Public Hearing.

Jim Cosgrove seconded the Motion. Lou Neely opposed it. The Members voted to approve the motion.

CWC Members asked that the Council's By-Laws and Statutes be e-mailed to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tony McCracken spoke about a "Raritan TMDL Stakeholder Meeting" to be hosted by the NJ Water Supply Authority, in the Freeholder's meeting room, on either Feb 20th or Feb 22nd (the date is not firm).

Also, the 30th Anniversary of Somerset County Planning Board will be held on January 15th @ 6:30 pm in the County's Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am with a motion from Jim Cosgrove; and it was seconded by Bob Breslin.

**** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, February 12th beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building #6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ. ****