

**Watershed Management Area 3
Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2001
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Attendees: Janet Carroll, NJDEP; Stu Ostrow, Mahwah Health Department; Richard Meany, West Milford Env Com; John Spiech, Township of Mahwah; Barry DiGiacinto, Citizens for Responsible Planning; Barbara Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition; Ross Kushner, Pequannock River Coalition; Steve Wendowski, Wanaque Boro; Ella Filippone Passaic River Coalition; John Capozucca, Bloomingdale Env Com; Laetitia Munro, West Milford 2000; Bob Szuszkowski, West Milford 2000; Richard Malizia, East Jersey Trout Unlimited; Ed Merrill, Boro of Pompton Lakes; Larry Pollex, Boro of Pompton Lakes; Stephanie Pilenyi, Oakland Boro; Marianne Smith, Hardyston Township; Bernie Vroom, Bloomingdale Boro; Barbara Guest, Resident; Bill Murphy, Two Bridges Sewage Authority; Bernie Stapleton, West Milford Env Com; Harold Reed, Ramsey Boro; George Holzapfel, Wayne Township; Joe Maiella, Lincoln Park; Mark Newell, Ramapo College; Jan Carlock, Pines Lake; Sandy Lawson, Wanaque REACH; Donna Kurdock, Oakland Council; Peter Weppler, NJDWSC; Herm Drenth, EJTU; Donna Milligan, NJDEP; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Kathy Baker Skafidas, Skylands CLEAN; Donald Burns, Oakland; Peter Aivars, Oakland; Pat Mancuso, Basin Coordinator; Ron Farr NJDWSC; Susan Gyarmati, Ringwood Resident.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

The November minutes were approved as distributed.

Committee Reports:

Education and Outreach: There will be a WMA-wide clean-up. The committee would like to see a clean-up in each of the four watersheds in WMA 3. The committee would like the PAC's endorsement and support and a letter to towns regarding this clean-up and becoming a clearinghouse for municipal clean-ups. The PAC approves spending up to \$300 for the clean-up day. There was a discussion about the letters being sent out. The letters will not be sent out to the towns where the Pequannock River Coalition does their annual clean-up since they already support PRC's efforts.

There was a discussion about storm drain buttons. Each Bergen County municipality can get 500 free. Kurdock reported that Oakland has already requested them through the YES group. There was a question as to whether purchasing buttons would qualify for 319(h) funding. Cenzo replied that it would not due to the specific requirements of how the money is to be spent by the USEPA. It was agreed that the free buttons would be pursued. Kushner likes the process and it would give people education and ownership of the waterway. Wendowski reported that Campbell foundry has castings that say drains to river cast right into the storm drain. Wendowski would try to get a sample for the next meeting. Cenzo suggested that the E&O committee send a memo to the PAC and the PAC refer it to the Finance Committee. Drenth would like to create a slide show for use in the classroom.

April 26th is the Ramapo River Conference to be held at Ramapo College from 9AM – 4PM. It is the 7th annual conference.

Open Space Committee: The Open Space Committee has not met since the last PAC meeting. There was discussion concerning an article in the Record which mentioned the City of Newark and Proposed Development. Holzapfel suggested setting up a sub-committee under the Open Space Committee. Mancuso discussed the WMA 6 Smart Growth Committee. Malizia suggested leaving it under the Open Space Committee. Meany agrees that the Open Space and Technical Advisory Committees should look into it. Filippone suggested Sen. McNamara be invited to discuss the legislation and his interpretation of what the legislation means. Szuszkowski suggested having either Sharpe James (legislation sponsor) or Zinneford Smith from Newark Watershed Conservation and Development at a future meeting. Szuszkowski will attempt to get the West Milford Borough Attorney to discuss the situation.

Technical Advisory Committee: The TAC has not met since the last PAC meeting and will meet on Friday at 8:30 AM.

Ambassador Report: No report.

NJDEP Report: Cenzo distributed the NJ Environment 2000 Report. Cenzo also mentioned that there are mini-grants available through the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program which would be a perfect fit for the Trout Unlimited project submitted for a 319(h) grant. Ella suggested that there should be an EPA representative at the PAC meetings to help share this information. Cenzo noted that Katie Lynch from the EPA had consistently attended in the past.

Skylands CLEAN has relinquished its 319(h) grant it was awarded last year. The project was approved but the insurance is a real problem. Their insurance costs would increase seven times. The increase would be in perpetuity not just for the length of the project. Cenzo reported that some must be found to complete the same project. Cenzo has approached the Hudson, Essex and Passaic Soil Conservation District to take over the grant. The money cannot be re-appropriated. Malizia asked

why insurance is not addressed in the guidelines and contracting information. Filippone moved that we approve NJDEP to speak with HEP SCD to complete the project.

Mancuso mentioned the WMA goals and objectives and hands out the goals and objectives from WMA 6.

Chair and Vice-Chair elections:

Ballots will be distributed to voting members. Mancuso propose that the person with the most votes becomes the Chair and the Vice Chair will be the candidate who receives the second highest vote total. Kathy Baker Skafidas, Skylands CLEAN and George Holzapfel, Township of Wayne gave brief introductory statements prior to the vote. Voting was conducted by secret ballot and ballots were tallied by Ron Farr and Barbara Kushner. Kathy Baker Skafidas received 10 votes and will be the PAC Chair and George Holzapfel received 9 votes will become the Vice-Chair.

Wendowski felt that voting member attendance should be highlighted with a list of stakeholders in attendance contained in all the minutes. The committee agreed.

Future Presentations:

Wendowski suggested a presentation by the New Jersey Water Association.

Finance Committee: Barbara Kushner, Stephanie Pilenyi, George Holzapfel, Ella Filippone and Sandy Lawson volunteer for the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Handouts:

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Agenda

Voting Ballots

Skylands CLEAN letter regarding 319 (h) grant