

**Attendees:** Allison Moehlis, PRC; Veronica Hurst, PVSC; Peter Weppler, NJDWSC; Pat Mancuso, NJDWSC; Danielle Donkersloot, NJDEP; Nancy Zimmerman, Friends of Clarks Pond; Joe Labriola, Clifton Env Comm.; Cristin Conrad, NJWW-MSU; Jon Carlson, Americorps; Ellie Gruber, LWV-RWD; Barbara O'Brien, LWV-RWD; Evelyn Meier, LWV-RWD

Meeting called to order at 6:43 PM.

The February minutes were accepted with two changes.

**Passaic River Basin Watershed Brochure:**

Copies of the Raritan Basin Watershed Brochure was distributed and reviewed by the group for the purpose of revising it for use within the Passaic River Basin. The recommended changes (to be forwarded to Donkersloot) are:

- Add a section on steep slopes
- Replace the map with the Passaic River Basin
- Add web addresses and a list of contacts
- Emphasize Open Space Issues within the Critical Habitat section
- Approximately 12,000 copies are to be printed in color. Recommend using Recycled Paper (Cost \$3-4K using the original print shop; \$5K using another print shop)
- Will be great for Tool Kits and New Membership Kits

**Letter to the Editor:** Based on comments, Moehlis will revise in a more “colloquial” manner. Moehlis read Gruber’s draft letter to the group. All agreed it was fine as presented. Comments will be incorporated for next meeting.

**May 11, 2002 River Clean Up in Fair Lawn (Memorial Park):** Conrad discussed that the park does not need a clean up at this time and that access is an issue. Moehlis noted that the municipality of Fair Lawn was very cooperative. Alternated were proposed: River St/Hudson St in Paterson, Maple/Ave/Lincoln Ave in Hawthorne (Hurst’s PVSC WQ Sampling Site). Group voted for the Hawthorne Site. WMA 4 will provide drinks and donuts. Conrad will ask the PAC for funding for this – not to exceed \$250. Conrad also mentioned that “Tom’s of Maine” would provide \$100 in Kings Supermarket Gift Certificates to the event (if asked). Conrad will request.

**“Tree Swap”:** Everything is set to go. Donkersloot discussed the recently announced State-Wide Drought Emergency and recommended to postpone – “ecologically” makes sense. Group agreed to postpone it until a later date.

**Newsletter:** The draft March 2002 Newsletter was distributed for review and comments. Recommend corrections included:

- Add Jack Myer, NWBUA; as TAC Co-Chair
- Add Veronica Hurst, PVSC; as PAC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair and Mark Newell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair
- Donkersloot will add NJ Drought Advisory Stages and associated descriptions
- Ask Frank Moritz, Ridgewood Water to write an article on his previous TAC “Groundwater Presentation” for the next Newsletter
- *(Donkersloot noted that WMA 4 water supply is primarily surface water dependent. Bob Keskes at the March 2002 WMA 4 TAC meeting noted that 30% of WMA 4 is dependent on ground wate.)*

**“Where are you in the Watershed” Maps:** After distribution,

Suggested changes:

- Label Highways
- “Test drive” the lesson plan on a few classes for teacher/student comments
  - Provide 5 focus Questions to the teacher

**Updates:**

**NJCWW - Great Falls Park Clean up:** Conrad with Montclair St had a clean up. PVSC provided dumpster, gloves, bags, etc. 43 people attended. Hurst recommended that a Hotline be created to report illegal dumping activities within the Watershed.

Future Clean-ups: March 23, 2002 – Bridge Brook Condo – Belleville  
April 6, 2002 – Little Fall – Site TDD

*NJDEP* – Donkersloot provided the group with information regarding the NJ Watershed Signage Program – Funds are available. Requests to locate/verify Watershed sign locations will be e-mailed by Donkersloot to the group.

1. WMA 4/5 Border – Entering RT 80, exit 52
2. WMA 4/5 Border - RT 46, near Passaic Ave
3. WMA 4/7 Border WMA 7 E&O Committee will do the verification.

Donkersloot will provide Greener Thumb Video mention in the latest issue of NJDEP's Watershed Focus to group next meeting.

*Americorps* – Carlson stated that he went back to previous students and clubs and discussed the RAT and BAT programs. Stated the "The Record" is interested in writing a story on the Storm Drain Marking Program. Looking to Partner with WMA 3 and 5 on May 18, 2002 (existing WMA 3 event).

*Friends of Clarks Pond and Third River* - Zimmerman stated that Joan Abel gave a presentation on the Third River. This same presentation will be given to the April 2002 PAC. The scheduled Plantings for this year are being postponed due to the drought emergency. Referred to the latest *Friends of Clarks Pond* 's Newsletter regarding upcoming events.

*Clifton Environmental Commission* – Labriola stated that Clifton's Natural Resource Inventory has been delayed and that Clifton received a Recycling award. The focus for the upcoming year will be on watershed issues. He also referred the group to the latest Clifton local shopper, which had an article on the Clifton Freshwater Pearl.

*League of Women Voters – RWD* – Will be looking to sell low-consumption showerheads to the community to emphasize water conservation.

Hurst reported that WMA 5 does not want to plan/partner with any other WMA but is willing to give the WMA "table space". WMA 4 will not seek to work with WMA 5 for this particular event.

*NJDWSC* – De-icing Brochure will be revised to reflect the new NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules. The next PAC meeting will have the presentation by NJDWSC's consultants [Killam Associates - with subcontractors Najarian Associates and Ecosystem Consulting Service]. At the next E&O meeting, Mancuso will provide last year's E&O budget - what was spent, carried over and this year's budget for WMA 4.

**Other Business:**

The Saddle River Event has been dropped.

Conrad reaffirmed that if a member presents her/himself as the representative of an organization or municipality, a resolution or letter must be proved to the PAC stating this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

**Handouts:**

Agenda

Minutes from February meeting

Raritan Basin Brochure

May 11, 2002 Clean -Up (will be revised)

"Tree Swap" – Will be postponed

Draft WMA 4 Newsletter

Friends of Clarks Pond and Third River Newsletter