

**Attendees:** Michael Sebetich, William Paterson Univ; Pat Mancuso, NJDWSC; George Nestory, Elmwood Park; Francisco Brilhante, LMS Engineering; Ron Farr, NJDWSC; Ted Vandervliet, NBCUA; Richard Pardi, William Paterson Univ; Veronica Hurst, PVSC; Thess Prince, Wattessing Heights Neighborhood Assoc; Frank Moritz, Ridgewood Water; Mark Newell, Ramapo College; Pat Rector, NJDEP; David Baker, NJEWA; Cristin Conrad, NJ Community Water Watch; Laurie Virostek, NJ Community Water Watch; Walter Ash, Saddle River; Brandon Curry, Mahwah; John Meyer, NBCUA; Tom Thompson, Sierra Club; Joan Coan, League of Women Voters; Paul Russo, Friends of Clark's Pond; Susan Golz, Mahwah Env Comm; Sue Ahearn, Fair Lawn; Ella Filippone, Passaic River Coalition; Matt Ahearn, Fair Lawn

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

The August minutes were accepted with one change.

**Committee Reports:**

*Education and Outreach:* Hurst reported that the newsletter have been sent out. Articles for the next newsletter were discussed. The upcoming events including the WMA 4 Bus Tour, October 14<sup>th</sup>, WMA 3 Fall Festival, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Passaic River Basin Conference, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Rockaway River Bike Tour, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in attending or volunteering at any of these events please contact Allison Moehlis at the Passaic River Coalition.

Mancuso requested a volunteer to update the attendees on the progress of the PAC. Hurst volunteered to do the update for WMA 4.

*Open Space:* Farr reported that the committee continued to work on criteria and the ranking system. There was a presentation by Julia Somers about the WMA 6 criteria and what reasoning they used to come up with the criteria. The Open Space mission statement was accepted by the PAC as distributed. "To protect and preserve open space within WMA 4 in order to maintain water quality and water quantity to protect public health and maintain and improve ecologic integrity of the waterway biodiversity. Preservation should be through sound ecological methods that take into account sound economics for public benefit and public awareness." Filippone requested that meetings for the committees are too far north in the watershed, particularly the TAC and Open Space, which are held during the day and tough for people to get out of work or come in late with the added travel time.

*Technical Advisory Committee:* Farr reported that the initial TAC meeting occurred at Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, in Waldwick. The group worked on a Mission Statement, heard an update from the TMDL process and named a representative who will report back the happenings of the TMDL workgroup. There was a presentation by Kim Cenzo concerning what a TMDL actually is. There was also discussion of a trip to Trenton to see the availability of GIS information and the potential uses of this information in a watershed context.

**DEP Update:** Rector discussed the 319h grants. There were 4 proposals received so far. They will be distributed at the end of the meeting. There will be lengthy discussion about the proposals at the October meeting. Subchapter 9 funding was also discussed. The funding is available for watershed management groups, which invited a diverse array of stakeholders. There was lengthy discussion

concerning whether the PAC's qualified for the funding. Filippone was under the impression that the legislature meant the money for the PAC's to operate not for separate watershed groups to be formed. Cenno provided clarification at a later date stating "Public Advisory Committees are intended to be the primary advisory body to the Department with regard to the development of watershed management plans, but are not intended to be funding recipients. PAC's may apply to the Department for formal recognition as a watershed management group but this is not encouraged by the Department. PAC's are also intended to advise the Department regarding watershed management grants by recommending priorities for funding within the WMA and providing comments on individual grant applications. It is the Department's belief that in most cases it would be difficult for the PAC to serve both in the advisory capacity and as a watershed management group potentially competing for limited funds."

**Visioning Process:** Mancuso discussed the committee of volunteers from all three WMA's will be brought together to come up with criteria for the visioning process and facilitator.

**By-Laws Review:** There were several changes proposed to the By-Laws including the opening statement. There was a lengthy discussion concerning a person serving as an officer in more than one WMA. The wording was changed to state that you can serve as a permanent committee chair and as a PAC Chair or Vice-Chair in another WMA, but you cannot be the Chair or Vice-Chair in WMA 4 and serve as the Chair or Vice Chair in another WMA.

The By-Laws were approved pending changes discussed at this meeting. A final draft of the By-Laws will be distributed at the next meeting.

**Future Speakers:**

Passaic County Engineer  
Army Corps of Engineers

**Handouts:**

Agenda	WMA 4 Bus Tour Brochure
August Meeting Minutes	WMA 3 Fall Festival
Submitted 319 project proposals	WMA 3 & 4 Newsletters
Evaluation Form	WMA 4 By-Laws
Subchapter 9 Watershed Management Grants Rule	

**Action Items:**

Elect Interim Officers at the next meeting  
Evaluate the 319 Proposals