

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

March 13, 2007
Meeting Highlights

Location:

NJDEP 401 E. State St. 6th floor Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

Attendees

Members: Ferdows Ali, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, Mary Beth Koza, Tony McCracken, Ray Nichols, Pat Pittore, James Requa, Dan Van Abs, Ray Zabihach

Others: Larry Baier, Helen Heinrich, Rick Kropp,

Meeting convened by Pamela Goodwin, Chairperson, at 11:40 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members discussed their impressions of their meeting with Commissioner Jackson, which had just concluded at 11:30. They noted that this was the first time in a few years that the Council, as a whole, had had a face to face meeting with the DEP Commissioner, and appreciated the length of time which she devoted to meeting with them. They also noted that after Commissioner Jackson had given her perspective on the forthcoming WQMP Rules, she had invited each of the Council members to give theirs.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The highlights were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report of Educational Event Planning Committee: Mary Beth Koza requested that the report be tabled until the April meeting so as to give her time to conduct a teleconference with the other members of this committee (Jim Cosgrove, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, and Dan Van Abs).

Report of Educational Event Facilities Planning Committee: Pamela Goodwin reported on the costs of using the Marriott in Trenton to hold this event. They would charge \$69 per person plus Tax and gratuity. The total would be \$10,500. If the CWC charged \$55 per person, then the CWC would need sponsors to contribute \$3,000.

Members then discussed the need for a non-profit organization to handle the money, realized that was one reason why the previous conferences were run through Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education. Consensus was that the CWC wanted to hold such an event, but that it could not happen in May, June or Fall of 2007.

Revision of the By-laws: Russ Furnari had arranged to have the existing bylaws distributed in electronic form to all the members. Paper copies were also distributed at this meeting. Members are to review this document and e-mail Russ with suggestions of possible changes. This subject will then be discussed at the April meeting. Ray Zabihach agreed to serve on a committee with Amy Goldsmith and Russ to work on the revisions.

Review of Possible Topic for October's Public Hearing: Ray Nichols distributed a list of all the topics that had been developed at previous meetings. Due to lack of time this topic was tabled to the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

****THE NEXT MEETING of the Clean Water Council will be on April 10, 2007, beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ**