

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

May 8, 2007
Meeting Highlights

Location:

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Conference Room, 3131 Princeton Pike, Office Building 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Attendees

Members: Ferdows Ali, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Lou Mason Neely, Pat Pittore, Dan Van Abs, Ray Zabihach

Others: Jennifer Coffee, Helen Heinrich, Christine Sturm, Stan Cach, Gerry Skrajewski

Meeting convened by Pamela Goodwin at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Lou Neely made the motion to approve the April minutes and Tony McCracken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

DEP UPDATES:

Stan Cach spoke about the Department's Priority System and how the DEP allocates the funds to update Environmental Infrastructures throughout the State. In addition to upgrading water and wastewater facilities, the State also funds land purchases and smart growth projects. A summary of New Jersey's Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Infrastructure, the proposed topic for October's Public Hearing was discussed. Dan Van Abs' e-mail of April 12th was distributed and reviewed. An article on, *The Infrastructure "Crisis"*, by John Cromwell III, Elisa Speranza, and Haydn Reynolds was also distributed for everyone's information. Then a discussion about the format of the Public Hearing was held. Do we want to give a Presentation and then have the panel discussion? Is it better to start with an informational session followed by the public forum? It was suggested that all sides of an issue should be covered. We need to be more effective with the limited funds that are available to improve the Environmental Infrastructure. CSOs, stormwater and sprawl issues should be addressed. Concerning needs, there were questions that should be addressed. Is there a critical need? What type of need? What is the economic pendulum? Are we sending the right market signals? How do we make sure the proper infrastructure is in place? What are we looking at 2 – 3 years down the road? A subcommittee, with Dan Van Abs as the Chairman, has been formed, and they will hold a Conference Call to address these issues.

Report of the By-laws Review Committee: Amy Goldsmith has Dan Van Abs comments which were discussed at last Month's Meeting. She hasn't received any additional comments since that meeting.

Report of Education Event Planning Committee: Mary Beth was absent so the Report for the Education Event Planning Committee will be given at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean Water Council Website – A discussion was held about how to utilize the Website to make it more effective. It also needs to be maintained. The CWC could utilize the Website a lot more than it currently does. The Public Hearing Topic and past Council Meeting Minutes should be on there. A request was made to have someone from the DEP provide updates to the existing Website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEA Conference – Dan Van Abs mentioned that Larry Baier and he were on a panel regarding wastewater management planning, with other speakers from Washington Twp (Morris County) and Somerset County who are doing WMPs.

EPA Workshop on May 24 -- on Source Water Protection Programs

May 31 -- Workshop presented by the Raritan Basin Watershed Alliance, "A Practical Approach to Navigating the Municipal Stormwater Rules" in the Ramada Inn on Weston Canal Road (I-287 Exit 12) in Somerset.

A framed Certificate of Recognition was presented to Pat Pittore for his 11 years of service to the Clean Water Council. He is wished happiness and health during his retirement. Pat thanked the Council for the pleasure of working with them and being on the Council. He is making arrangements for his successor.

ADJOURNMENT: Lou Neely made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Pat Pittore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**** THE NEXT MEETING of the Clean Water Council will be on June 12, 2007, beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ ****