

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**  
**November 14, 2006**  
**Meeting Highlights**

**Location:**

NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, Tony McCracken, Ray Nichols, Dan Van Abs, Ray Zabihach

**Others:** Barbara Greenhalgh-Weidman (DEP), Rick Kropp (USGS), Amy Soli (representing Jim Cosgrove), Bill Wolfe (PEER)

Meeting convened at 10:10 by Chair Pamela Goodwin.

**GUEST PRESENTATION BY DEP STAFF:**

Barbara Greenhalgh-Weidman, of the Bureau of Environmental Analysis and Restoration, Division of Watershed Management, and leader of the team that has been drafting the forthcoming amendments to the Water Quality Management Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 7-15) discussed the current status of the rule drafting process. She noted that a draft of the proposed amendments would be given to the lawyers in the Office of Legal Affairs during the week of November 23. They would review the draft to ensure that it made sense and was legally defensible. Some policy issues can be changed during that review. The final version of the Rule Proposal must be signed by the Commissioner by January 31, 2007.

**DISCUSSION:**

The council members then discussed what they had learned as a result of the public hearing on October 10, 2006, and their recommendations for Commissioner Jackson regarding the forthcoming proposed rule amendments.

During the discussion, the Chair recognized Bill Wolfe as a guest at the meeting and invited him to voice his concerns. Bill noted that the County Planning Agencies do not have any land use planning powers by statute. He believed that the municipalities, which do have land use planning powers, should, therefore, be designated as the local WQMP agencies, not the counties.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the CWC members recognized the need to submit comments to the DEP as quickly as possible, if they were to have any usefulness. Ray Nichols offered to draft a letter for circulation among the members who were at this meeting, so that a final "draft" letter could be sent to Larry Baier, Director of the Division of Watershed Management, by the end of the week.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon. \_

NOTE: Attached to these minutes is the letter which Pamela signed and sent to Larry Baier on November 21, after several iterations of revisions. Please note that it is only a draft of the letter to be sent to Commissioner Jackson with the formal recommendations of the Clean Water Council. Therefore it will be the subject of discussion, possible modification and then ratification at the next meeting of the CWC.

**\*\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 12, 2006, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. \*\***