Location:
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building # 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Attendees:

Others: Karen Cerra, Helen Heinrich, Pat Matarazzo and Gerry Skrajewski.

The meeting was convened to order by Jessica Sanchez at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER’S 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:
December’s Minutes were distributed. Dan Van Abs made the motion to approve the minutes, and Ray Zabihach seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as submitted.

DEP UPDATES:
Stan Cach said that the DEP is still working on the Transformation.

Water Quality Management Planning Revisions - Jessica has been trying to get DEP to involve the Clean Water Council more intimately in the process. Jessica talked to Michele Putnam and now she has reached out to Tom Micai to get more information.

Pat Matarazzo said that he got an e-mail from Assistant Commissioner Plonski asking him to participate as a Stakeholder for the Transformation process.

Dan Van Abs reported that the Water Supply Advisory Council is working with Kerry Pflugh who is a lead person in the Stakeholder process. They will be convening a Public Advisory Committee of a selected group of people in January. There is a meeting on Friday (12/17) to nail down the details of that. They are talking about a North Jersey, Central Jersey and South Jersey public hearing on the actual draft of the Water Supply Plan so that the expectation is that as of early next year the Water Supply Plan will be public and adoption is targeted for May.

OLD BUSINESS:
Dan noted that the article about the 2010 CWC Public Hearing was not in the League of Municipalities’ October Issue of the Magazine. Dan said he updated the Article and has been in contact with the Editor, and it should be in the February Edition of the Magazine.
Also, Dan asked if anyone knows if the Articles were published in AWWA and NJWEA related to the Public Hearing? If not, he would like to also give them the revised Articles to be put in their future Publications.

Council members discussed the next steps to be taken to maintain momentum from the October public hearing and the final Infrastructure Financing & Management Recommendations that have been publicly disseminated. Both Commissioner Martin and Board of Public Utilities’ President Solomon support the need for changes to current management strategies, and Council sees merit in garnering additional interest in adopting the recommendations. However, since the issue straddles several state agencies and Council serves the Commissioner of NJDEP, there is a need and desire to maintain coordination with NJDEP staff and the support of Commissioner Martin.

The 2011 Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at NJDEP. Among viable topics was that of technological innovations/green alternatives to maintain/improve water quality and infrastructure resilience and asset management. Decisions on a hearing topic and development of a 2011 Work Plan were deferred pending our meetings with BPU & DCA representatives and NJDEP.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Chair to prepare meeting summary to facilitate NJDEP staff review of CWC preferred plan of action on implementation of the Infrastructure Financing & Management Recommendations.

- Council to invite representatives from BPU and DCA to February 15, 2011 meeting to discuss intra-agency plans for implementing recommended changes to infrastructure financing & management. Suggested contacts are Marc Pfeiffer, Local Government Services at DCA who spoke at the October public hearing, and Rhea Brekke, Chief of staff for Lee Solomon, BPU.

- Schedule a meeting with Commissioner Martin (March or April 2011) to discuss implementation steps on the infrastructure recommendations as well as other items on which the Council could assist the Commissioner and NJDEP staff.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
The DEP Public Hearing Room has been reserved for October 19th for the Council’s 2011 Public Hearing.

2011 Work Plan – In January, the Council would like an update on the Water Quality Management Plan. Invite the Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs to February’s CWC Meeting. Invite Commissioner Martin to the CWC meeting in March or April.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Jessica thanked everyone for all the hard work they have done on the Council the past year, and said she looks forward to next year. The Council thanked Jessica for her efforts, also.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a motion from Ray Zabihach. It was seconded by Bob Breslin.

** The next meeting of the Clean Water Council will be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Bldg 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville NJ. **