

Whippany River Watershed *Action* Committee
Whippany River Watershed Management Group
Minutes of the December 3, 2008 Meeting

Attendance:

- SAL IANNACONE—HANOVER, CHAIR WRWAC
- ART VESPIGNANI—FACILITATOR, WRWAC
- RICH TAUBALD—HANOVER
- BRIAN MARSHALL—MT. LAKES, SECRETARY WRWAC
- PAT DE LA FUENTE—PARSIPPANY
- DEBORAH MCCOMBER—ADMINISTRATOR, WRWAC
- JIM BARANSKI—HANOVER, WRWAC VICE-CHAIR
- TED LARGMAN—MORRIS TWP
- HANK SAWOSKI—MORRIS PLAINS
- RALPH RHODES—MENDHAM TWP
- LEN CIPKINS—PARSIPPANY
- AMY DiBARTOLO—EAST HANOVER, TREASURER WRWAC
- ANDRE JENSEN—MORRIS PLAINS
- DONNA BANGIOLA—MORRISTOWN

Absent Municipalities:

- FLORHAM PARK
- MADISON
- DENVILLE
- MENDHAM BORO

Sal Iannaccone opened the Action Committee meeting at 6:05pm.

Waterbucks rewards were handed out to well-deserving members.

The Whippany River Watershed Management Group public meeting was opened at 6:20pm by Sal Iannaccone, Chair. There was no discussion, no public input. The meeting was closed at 6:21pm.

Minutes—Deborah McComber

- Minutes were approved with one correction: Kirk Barrett represents Passaic River Institute, not Steve Sousa.

Treasurer's Report—Amy DiBartolo, Treasurer

- On page 2, Amy will track the 319h grant and how much has not been reimbursed.
- The purchase of a meter is listed as "in kind" for the NPS Implementation grant.

Facilitator's Report—Art Vespignani

- **Troy Brook RSMP**—the meeting with Rutgers and ParsIPPany officials was held last month; all representatives were very enthusiastic about proposed projects. More meetings will be scheduled in January. The problem with the Mt. Lakes location and an orange bacteria at the dam there is likely to be resolved and a project still possible. Rutgers increased the funding for the Action Committee outreach share of the project, and it is possible to receive additional funding if we end up requiring more. Art submitted a "letter of intent" accepting the Action Committee's role in the project.
- **NPS Implementation Grant**—the first quarterly report will be sent to the NJDEP. Art requested a few changes to the proposed Princeton Hydro contract which were accepted. Sal signed the contract with them. Four volunteer assessment field trips are planned for December and January. Princeton Hydro is working on a revision to the metering procedures. Hank Sawoski showed the group a tool used by the Mosquito Commission that may help with sampling.
- **Western Ave**—Art and Ted Largman are trying to reach Jim Slate at Morris Township to determine the status of this project.

- Art suggested an **Executive Committee meeting on December 17** which was agreed to. We usually do not meet in December, but given the busy activity of the Action Committee, another meeting is warranted.
- The next **Program Committee** meeting is January 15, 2009.
- Art sent in the **request for funding to the county freeholders**. He asked for \$15,000.

Outreach—*Jim Baranski*

- **Speakers Bureau**—Rich Taubald gave a presentation to the Unity Charter School, Hanover Twp Environmental Commission, Whippany Park High School and upcoming, Hanover Park School. Rick felt the United Charter School would be open to a rain garden. Members should notify Rich of possible contacts for presentations.
- We are planning a **10th Anniversary celebration** in the fall.
- **Watershed Signage**—Rich contact the county and received quick approval for signs at eight sites. Seven others will be contacted—other government organizations, such as the Parks Commission and towns. We will notify towns of signs going up in their jurisdictions even though they will be on county right of ways. The signs cost about \$42.50 each and are 18 by 30 inches. We hope to sell sponsorships for \$500 apiece.
- Art requested a meeting with the county MUA about **litter** being dropped between transfer stations in East Hanover. Art and Amy will meet with them.
- Debbie is looking into locations/catering for an **Engineer's Roundtable** in March 2009.

Membership & Dues—Deborah McComber

- We need members to join subcommittees. Len Cipkins volunteered for the Outreach Committee.
- Debbie will be mailing out membership and dues requests to municipalities for 2009.
- Florham Park never submitted dues for 2008.

Nominating Committee—*Brian Marshall*

- Nominations from the floor were requested; none were forthcoming.
- Members approved unanimously the proposed Executive Committee slate: Sal Iannaccone for Chair; Jim Baranski, Vice-Chair; Brian Marshall, Secretary; Amy DiBartolo, Treasurer; Peggy Adams and Donna Bangiola as ad hoc members.

Old Business—*Sal Iannaccone*

- There is a problem with the vent on the roof of the trailer. Donna Bangiola sealed it with plastic and duct tape. She thinks it can be fixed without requiring a replacement part. Amy will look into a part and its price, however.

New Business—Sal Iannaccone

- Amy presented a proposed budget for 2009. Included is taking \$5000 from reserves, but this is really just left over from 2008. The proposed budget was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

The next AC meeting is February 4, 2008. There is no meeting in January.

The next Executive Committee meeting is December 17, 2008.

Deborah McComber