

**Environmental Commission**  
**Washington Township (WTEC - Morris Cty), New Jersey**  
**Minutes of September 20, 2005**  
( agenda attached)

Prepared by: Mark Napolitano, Chairman

I. Attendance:

Present: Mark Napolitano, Merv Haines, Bob Balsamo

Absent: Diedre Donnelly, Anthony LaVista, Paul Krylowksi, Frank Ferraro, Joel Wein, Kim Kaiser (Township Committee)

II. Minutes of September 12, 2005 No minutes of meeting available.

III. Member Contact Information Update

Members present were asked to validate / update their contact info, since some of it was inaccurate / incomplete, resulting in two members not receiving what Mark had mailed to them.

IV. Meeting Minutes

The issue of whether or not to continue recording meeting minutes was discussed. Decision will be made at future meeting when more members are present.

V. Potential Regular New Member

Resume received from the TWP for Mr. Charles Sinko was discussed. All present recommended asking him to join as regular member. Merv suggested changing Dr. John Addrizzo's status from Regular Member to Advisory Member to make room for Mr. Sinko, since Dr. Addrizzo has not attended a meeting in 20 months. Mark will discuss WTEC's options with the TWP.

VI. Soil Removal Ordinance

Copy of recently approved new WT Soil Removal Ordinance was provided by Mark and discussed. Unfortunately, WTEC's effort to increase the WTEC's role in the soil disturbance permit process via inclusion of the WTEC in the ordinance was unsuccessful, so that WT exports will not be analyzed to mitigate any potential liability if the soil contains contaminants, soil can be brought into the TWP without test results while a permit approval is pending, and the escrow fee cannot be used for additional soil analyses. WTEC comments on the draft ordinance addressing these concerns did not result in changes to the final ordinance.

VII. Surface Water Quality Test Results

Mark provided a copy of the surface water quality test results from the May 17, 2005 sampling conducted by the WTEC. The levels of contaminants which exceeded regulatory limits at 8 of the 34 sampling sites were discussed. Mark suggested that testing no longer be done in April or May, since high fecal coliform levels might be

caused by excessive rainfall. It was agreed that sampling will no longer occur in April or May, and will be conducted in June.

#### VII. Revised Surface Water Quality Test Sites

Mark suggested that the list of 34 sampling sites, for sampling on a regular basis, be reduced to the list of 23 that he proposed last April, and provided in the form of a revised WTEC Surface Water Sampling Form for the May meeting. Mark suggested that periodically, the other 11 sites could be sampled. This shortened list of sites for sampling on a regular basis will conserve funds and allow the WTEC to take multiple samples at specific sites of concern. Mark suggested that the frequency of sampling near the TWP's water treatment facilities be increased, which is feasible if the list of regular sites is reduced from 34 to 23. The revised WTEC Surface Water Sampling Form will be provided again at the next regular meeting for discussion.

#### VIII. Vernal Pool Project

Project is behind schedule. Mark has had action to submit a signed project extension agreement to ANJEC, which must also be signed by the TWP. Mark suggested at a prior meeting that a detailed project schedule be created and attached to the agreement before it is submitted to the TWP, and eventually ANJEC. Mark will sign agreement and submit it to the TWP after the detailed schedule is created and agreed to by members present at the next regular meeting of the WTEC.

#### IX. Vernal Pool Mapping - CRSSA

Mark provided at copy of a New Jersey Case Study addressing vernal pools, and how they are mapped and assessed. Key points of the article as they pertain to the WTEC's involvement with the Rutgers Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial analysis were discussed.

#### X. Washington TWP (WT) GPS Unit and Training – MAC IRISA Handout

Mark provided at copy of information regarding GPS training for the vernal pool project, as well as coordination with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association as it pertains to GIS. However, it was discovered immediately before the meeting that the WTEC will not be able to borrow the GPS unit owned by the WT DPW and the MUA. Rather, the WT DPW will provide a trained individual to assist the WTEC with the vernal pool project by operating the GPS unit for the WTEC. A schedule for initiating site investigations will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

#### XI. ANJEC information sessions and training courses.

Mark provided information on upcoming ANJEC information sessions and training courses, and encouraged members to participate. Training costs can be reimbursed, or paid directly by the TWP IAW WTEC and WT procedure.

#### XII. Next Meeting: 10/3/05

#### XIII. Meeting Adjourned.