

**Environmental Commission**  
**Washington Township (WTEC - Morris Cty), New Jersey**  
**Minutes of November 15, 2005**  
( agenda attached)

Prepared by: Mark Napolitano, Chairman

I. Attendance:

Present: Mark Napolitano, Anthony LaVista , Diedre Donnelly, Frank Ferraro

Absent: Merv Haines, Paul Krylowski, Bob Balsamo, Joel Wein, CJ Sinko, Kim Kaiser  
(Township Committee)

II. Minutes of November 7, 2005

Minutes were approved.

III. Steep Slopes, Stream Corridor, Fertilizer & Pesticides, and Stormwater Control Ordinances (Agenda Items 2 through 5)

Mark passed out copies of the four WT ordinances for discussion. Each member will review the ordinances in preparation for follow-up discussion and preparation of comments during the December 5, 2005 regular WTEC meeting. Comments will be provided to the TWP for consideration. These ordinances are on the November 18, 2005 WT Township Committee Meeting agenda. Anthony and Mark will attend the Township Committee Work Session to monitor the discussion of these ordinances and report back to the WTEC.

IV. Raritan-Highland Compact

Mark contacted Ms. Joan Fischer, Executive Director of the Raritan Highlands Compact to introduce the WTEC to the Compact, discuss the Compact's objectives, and primarily, to get the WTEC involved. Mark was invited to attend the Compact's next meeting to be held at the office of Walter Krich Jr., Director, Morris County Industrial & Economic Development in Morristown on November 21, 2005. All WTEC members were also invited to attend. Mark requested and received from Ms. Fischer, a copy of the presentation on nitrate dilution data that was previously provided to the TWP.

V. Vernal Pool Project

Mark discussed research that he conducted on GPS coordinates of vernal pool sites included in the WTEC study. Paul will provide the DPW coordinates to members.

VI. Raritan Basin Watershed Conference

Mark provided information on an upcoming conference on watershed protection for the Raritan Basin to be held on December 6, 2005 at the Ramada Inn, Somerset NJ.

VII. Telecommunications Facility – Blk 12, Lot 29

An application by Cingular Wireless for the addition of cellular antennas mounted on an existing Public Service Electric and Gas Company transmission tower was discussed. No comments on the impact to the immediate environment were noted, but Mark stated that

he would contact the TWP to obtain a copy of the Health Hazard Assessment for review by the WTEC.

VIII. WTEC Objectives for 2006

Objectives for the upcoming year were discussed and listed as follows: 1.) Improve communication with the TWP, 2.) Finish vernal pool project, 3.) Establish by-laws, and 4.) Establish a WTEC Internet link on the TWP web site. These and additional objectives proposed, if any, will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Anthony volunteered to draft an initial set of by-laws, and Mark volunteered to work with the WT webmaster to establish the WTEC web link, after first obtaining TWP approval.

IX. WTEC Chairman for 2006 – 2008 Term (Follow-up from Nov 7 Meeting)

Mark has been Chairman of the WTEC for 3 years (as of Dec 05) and asked if any members are interested in being appointed as Chairman by the TWP mayor. No interest at this time.

X. Next Meeting: 12/5/05

XI. Meeting Adjourned.