

**MINUTES**  
**Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee**  
Wednesday, April 5, 2023  
Planning Board Conference Room &  
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Counsel Aikins called the meeting to order at 9:35AM.

**2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Counsel Aikins read the compliance statement.

**SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS**

Counsel Aikins said it would be appropriate to first swear in new members. Counsel read the names of full members and alternate members into the record per agenda item # **4a: MCPB Resolution 2023-06, Naming STAC Membership for 2023**. Counsel asked for those members in attendance to stand for the administration of the Oath of Office.

**3. ROLL CALL-ATTENDANCE**

Members Present Joseph Barris, Harriet Honigfeld, Charles Casagrande, Shipa Bhojappa, Nelson Santiago, David Eareckson- (virtually)  
Members Absent David Schmetterer, Victoria Thompson, Ines Zimmerman (All Excused)  
Alternates Present None  
Staff Present Bridget Neary, Amber Mallm, JoAnn Denton, Nailah Pile  
Counsel Present Mark R. Aikins, Esq.

Acting Secretary Denton informed the committee there were six members present and there was a quorum to proceed.

**4. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

**b. Election of Officers**

Counsel Aikins served as Chairman Pro-Tem. Joseph Barris motioned and Nelson Santiago seconded election of Charles Casagrande as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Harriet Honigfeld motioned, and Joseph Barris seconded nominations be closed. Charles Casagrande was elected Chairman by unanimous affirmation. Counsel Aikins turned the meeting over to Chairman Casagrande.

**c. Adoption of 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Shilpa Bhojappa motioned and Nelson Santiago seconded adoption of the 2023 Meeting Schedule (attached hereto). The 2023 STAC Meeting Schedule was adopted by unanimous affirmation.

**5. REGULAR REPORT**

**a. Staff- Inland Flood Protection Rule and NJPACT REAL, Bridget Neary**

Ms. Neary informed the Committee of changes coming forward concerning Stormwater Regulations:

- The MS4 Tier A Permit was renewed in 2023. All municipalities in New Jersey are now Tier A. There is only one reassignment from Tier B to Tier A in Monmouth County- Upper Freehold. The new MS4 Permit will require municipalities to make changes their Stormwater Ordinances. All municipalities have six months to update their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and one year to update their Ordinance. There are some new requirements such as the Watershed Improvement Plan, Tree Protection Plan, and some Amendments to the required Ordinance.
- NJDEP recently released the Draft Inland Flood Protection Rule, anticipated to be adopted in April or May of 2023. Municipalities will probably have one year to comply with updating their Ordinance. It will address all residential development, re-development, leveraging natural features, impervious coverage requirements, a new numeric standard for nutrient removal.
- The NJPACT REAL Regulations will be coming out. Both the NJPACT REAL and Inland Flood Protection Rule will amend the NJ Stormwater Management Rules, causing municipalities to amend their Ordinances. Last time we had Ordinance changes coming forward, STAC formed a Sub-Committee to review them.

**Questions/Comments from the Committee:**

Director Barris asked if the three changes coming forward would be combined into one Ordinance change, or will there be different deadlines for each one, making it a lot of work for our Committee. Ms. Neary said she had researched that issue, but had not seen any definitive answer for how it would be approached.

Chairman Casagrande stated the NJ Environmental Joint Insurance Fund released a Bulletin recently that gives guidance on the Stormwater Updates. He will forward it to staff when he gets back to the office. The document went out to approximately 400 municipalities and 70 sewer groups. Some municipalities have already brought their engineers in to work on it, because it is very technical.

Chairman said he has not heard anything yet concerning Inland Flood Protection Rule or NJPACT REAL Regulations. The Environmental Joint Insurance Fund is in the process of changing the Stormwater Video. The DEP approval process has been slow. The video was shot two years ago, but is being reviewed section by section, and currently only Section 1 has been approved-which is the Introduction.

Chairman suggested at some point it may be appropriate to ask the environmental engineer for the Joint Insurance Fund to come and speak to STAC. The engineer has done several presentations for the towns over the years, and is in constant communication with DEP.

Director Barris said the comment period for the Inland Flood Protection Rule has ended, and we are awaiting adoption. DEP will have to go through the comments and respond to each.

Ms. Honigfeld said Engineering had asked recently when the last time was the towns had to do major overhauls of their Stormwater Plans. Chairman Casagrande and Director Barris weren't sure of the year, but both agreed it was more than a decade ago.

**b. Pre-Adoption Review Sub-Committee**

Chairman Casagrande asked for clarification for the creation of the Sub-Committee. Ms. Neary stated and Counsel Aikins concurred that the towns must first adopt their Ordinance before we can review it. However, if they adopt something we do not approve of, they must go back and amend their Ordinance, which is an extremely inefficient process. The Sub-Committee would avoid that happening.

Chairman Casagrande asked how many members were previously on the Sub-Committee. Director Barris said he recalls three members- two from MC staff, one public STAC member. He said with current technology the information can all be entered in a Basecamp, and meetings can even be done virtually.

Joseph Barris motioned and Nelson Santiago seconded the creation of the "Pre-Adoption Review Sub-Committee" consisting of: Charles Casagrande, Bridget Neary, and the Planning Director or Assistant Director, in the absence of the Planning Director. All were in favor by unanimous affirmation.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**Adoption of February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Harriet Honigfeld motioned to accept the February 2, 2022, Minutes. Shilpa Bhojappa seconded. All were in favor by affirmation, except Charles Casagrande, who was not present at that meeting and abstained.

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Comments from the Public**

None

## **9. Adjournment**

Nelson Santiago motioned and Joseph Barris seconded adjournment of the meeting. By affirmation, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54AM.