

## Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection (LICAP)

### Water Resources Opportunity Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2014

*The H2M Group Offices*

*538 Walt Whitman Road, Melville New York*

ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Karl Schweitzer	Nassau/Suffolk Water Commissioners Association
Joe DeFranco	Nassau County Department of Health
Mike Alarcon	Nassau County Department of Health
Brian Schneider	Nassau County Department of Public Works
Satish Sood	Nassau County Planning Commission
Doug Feldman	Suffolk County Department of Health
Steve Colabufo	Suffolk County Water Authority
Kevin Durk	Suffolk County Water Authority
Carrie Meek Gallagher	Suffolk County Water Authority
Paul Tenyenhaus	Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District
Steve Terraciano	United States Geological Survey
Jared Hershkowitz	Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory
Nick Bartilucci	Divirka and Bartilucci Consultants / Jericho Water District

Karl Schweitzer, Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by all in attendance.

Karl Schweitzer reviewed the common and redundant themes brought up at the LICAP Public Hearing in Nassau County;

1. The Opening of the New York City Wells
2. The use of Pentachlorophenol on utility poles by PSE&G
3. The Grumman Plume
4. Saltwater Intrusion
5. Unregulated Chemicals
6. Promote the use and regulation of certified backflow / irrigation installations

Jared Hershkowitz reviewed the issues brought up at the LICAP Public Hearing in Suffolk County;

1. Increased Public Communication and Outreach
2. Compact Management – Sharing resources comprehensively to oversee water resource management for the LI region
3. Health Department Management Inspections
4. Elimination of cesspools
5. Sustainability
6. Protecting the Pine Barrens
7. Hills Project in South Hampton
8. Performance of septic treatment management

The committee expressed their concerns and topics that they would want considered by this subcommittee and it was decided to review commonalities between Nassau and Suffolk Counties and create main categories that sub-topics would be placed into.

### Water Information Management for Long Island

#### Aquifer Quality and Quantity

- Saltwater intrusion
- Wastewater Management
  - Nitrates
  - Pesticides and fertilizers
  - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) - TCE
  - Pharmaceuticals & personal care products
  - Household hazardous waste
  - Underground Storage Tanks - Leaking
- High Risk Facility Inspections
- Geothermal systems – Unregulated opened / closed loop systems
- Sentinel groundwater quality monitoring network and active program
- Regional Water Quality database

## Water Education

- Value of Water
- Water Efficiency

## Consumer Sensitive Issues

1. PSE&G use of Pentachlorophenol on utility poles
2. New York City Well Openings
3. Enforcement of existing regulations – New York State DEC
4. Continuous USGS funding to ensure ongoing data collection
5. Nassau County Water Resources Board
6. Conservation caps for aquifer withdrawal
7. Air Stripper Treatment - Air Emissions
8. Ban the Sale of Nitrogen based fertilizers on Long Island – Replaced with slow release fertilizer

At the next meeting the committee members will decide what issues and concerns that were identified should be prioritized and taken on first. When a decision is made what issues will be worked on first, a committee member will be asked to act as the committee lead and the remaining members will be assigned (volunteer) to work on the sub-set issues.

Brian Schneider and Mike Alarcon were asked to obtain any water-related reports from Nassau County to be included on the website. The 2009 report is already posted online.

Committee will meet at least every 6 weeks rotating meeting times between mornings and afternoons. Meeting location will be determined.

Steve Colabufo announced that the next Water Resource Infrastructure Subcommittee will be held October 23 at the Nassau County Health Department.