

**Readington Township WaterWatch Advisory Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

**March 16, 2021**

Please take notice that the *Readington WaterWatch Advisory Committee (RWW)* will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR AND IN AN EFFORT TO FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES RECOMMENDED BY THE CDC, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY FOR ANY INTERESTED PARTIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY ENTER THE FOLLOWING LINK ON YOUR COMPUTER OR PERSONAL DEVICE:**

**WebEx Link:**

<https://readingtontwp.webex.com/readingtontwp/j.php?MTID=m71dadead42f4c8effe849a6c3935191c>

**To Join by Phone:**

- United States Toll **+1-408-418-9388**
- Meeting Number (access code): 129 386 4835
- Meeting password: RCze9Dvmx22

## AGENDA

### 1) CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

### 2) ATTENDANCE TAKEN

Attendance will be taken noting Committee Members, Alternates and members of public.

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the most recent meeting held will be approved.

### 4) HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

- a. **DropBox:** Discussion of use of DropBox for document sharing; Robert Becker: DropBox Coordinator

### 5) ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a. **Questions Raised at Last Meeting:** insurance / written explanations of OPRA OPMA
- b. **Framework for Organizing Key Theme Issues:** Chair noted that the Committee needs to focus on a variety of themes giving adequate attention to each while avoiding omitting any. The themes include (though are not limited to):
  - Public Relations
  - Grant Writing
  - Volunteer Recruitment
  - Effects of Chemicals on Water Supply (Ago Pietrangelo)
  - Annual Stream Clean-up (with RHA) (Trish McGuire)
  - Annual Stream Monitoring (with RHA) (Jonathan Heller)
  - Sustainable Jersey – Water Issues (Robert Becker)
  - Small Stream Stewardship (Susan Masinda)
  - Schools Projects (Marlene Orlandi, Rene Rao)
  - Community Projects (Rene Rao, Marlene Orlandi)
  - Well Testing (with RHA) (Steve Foster)
  - Septic Systems (Marlene Orlandi)
  - Volunteer Recruitment (All)
  - Open Space Trail Collaboration (David Owen)
  - Environmental Commission Collaboration (Neil Hendrickson)
  - Recreational Opportunities (fishing, kayaking, hiking, birding, etc.) (All)

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Announcement from NJ DEP:** Discussion

***Wastewater permit at Bellemead denied -- a win for the environment:*** For 18 years, RHA and other environmental organizations fought the renewal of the wastewater permit at Bellemead, which would have resulted in continued water quality degradation and changes to stream hydrology. We are thrilled to learn that the NJDEP has denied the permit, a major win for water quality in Rockaway Creek! Despite this victory, challenges via appeal are anticipated. For more detail read this: [A Win for the Environment - Raritan Headwaters](#) and also see our DropBox: [Bellemead Permit Denial](#).

b. **Super Fund Restoration:** Discussion

A Super Fund dump site from the 1960's and 1970's was located just east of Readington buried chemical waste that included PCB's among other contaminants. Lawsuits filed against the corporations involved have been settled recently and a "restoration agreement" or settlement has been proposed for consideration by the injured parties. The proposal is organized by "sites" and some of those are in Readington because of the connection between our Raritan Watershed and the waters more directly involved. Amounts are in the \$10's of millions and we may have some influence on what we receive. We are working with RHA (Bill Kibler). See our DropBox: [Super Fund Restoration](#).

c. **Rosehill and Rosedale Cemetery Association vs. Township of Readington:** Discussion

A land development project proposed a large cemetery complex in Readington that would have had detrimental effects on our Lamington River. The initial proposal was halted due to the significant and coordinated efforts of the Township and a group of community activists. Recently the developers have appealed the ruling and the case is active once again. See our DropBox: [Rosehill and Rosedale Cemetery](#).

7) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

8) **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

9) **ADJOURN**