

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA MEETING  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM**

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**Monday, December 3, 2007 - 6:15 p.m.**

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**PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE** - Mayor Sandom called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and The Times (the official newspapers) on January 3, 2007 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**ROLL CALL:** Those answering the roll call of the Deputy Municipal Clerk:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Iorio, Murphy, Sandahl, Mayor Sandom  
**ABSENT:** Cacciabaudo

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator/Engineer Pogorzelski, Assistant Administrator/CFO Borges, Deputy Municipal Clerk Gompf

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**PRESENTATION – LOWER DELAWARE RIVER MANAGEMENT**

Michael Aucott, member of the Hopewell Township Environmental Commission was present and stated he was in support of the Special Protection Waters (SPW) Designation for the Lower Delaware River and requested support from the Township Committee.

Susan Charkes, Environmental Planning Specialist with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association appeared before the Committee and presented a power point program. She explained the lower Delaware River has been designated as a Wild & Scenic River, is a national treasure and a unique resource. She explained the goals of the Special Protection Waters (SPW) designation including the goal to maintain existing water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries.

Kenneth F. Najjar, Branch Head, Planning and Implementation with the Delaware River Basin Commission continued the presentation noting the SPW rules, action proposed and timing involved. He gave a brief overview of the Delaware River Basin Commission noting the five members as Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and the Federal Government. He reiterated that the goal of the Special Protection Waters is to protect the existing high water quality and maintain that level. Mr. Najjar added that the temporary designation of the Lower Delaware in 2005 expires on May 15, 2008.

Committee Member Iorio questioned designation as a Wild & Scenic River and how that designation effects vegetation.

Committee Member Sandahl questioned the ongoing process to protect the water quality and the time frames for sampling the water quality.

Mayor Sandom thanked Ms. Charkes and Mr. Najjar for their presentations and encouraged the Environmental Commission to communicate this information to homeowners.

Mayor Sandom questioned what is recommended for large corporations for them to maintain water quality. Mr. Najjar responded that they need to comply with discharge standards.

Mr. Aucott stated the Environmental Commission has been involved in monitoring ground water levels at several wells in the township and are focused on water quality as well.

Mr. Pogorzelski questioned regulations specific to water withdrawal and wastewater discharge.

**Sophia Pederson**, a resident of Pennington-Rocky Hill Road, questioned if the Stony Brook was a part of the Special Water Protection.

Committee Member Sandahl suggested additional language to the resolution designating a withdrawal and discharge threshold per day.

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**RESOLUTION #07-359.** Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #07-359 as amended.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #07-359**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE LOWER  
DELAWARE RIVER AS SPECIAL PROTECTION WATERS IN THE WATER  
QUALITY REGULATIONS OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware River Basin Commission has established water quality goals in its River Management Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Delaware River was temporarily designated as "Special Protection Waters" (SPW) in 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware River Basin Commission has studied the Lower Delaware River and recommends this segment of the Delaware River be permanently designated as "Special Protection Waters" (SPW); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Upper and Middle sections of the Delaware River have already been designated as "Special Protection Waters" (SPW); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Special Protection Waters designation primarily regulates water supply systems withdrawing 100,000 gallons per day or greater and wastewater treatment systems discharging 10,000 gallons per day or greater; and,

**WHEREAS**, the permanent designation of the Lower Delaware River as Special Protection Waters as proposed by the DRBC would protect the water quality of the river and its tributaries from measurable degradation and would, therefore, be consistent with the goals of Hopewell Township Master Plan to preserve and protect critical water, scenic, and recreational resources in the Township, and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that the Delaware River mainstem is classified by the Delaware River Basin Commission because of the multi state jurisdiction, that the Delaware River Basin Commission has proposed classifying the Lower Delaware (down to Trenton) as Special Protection Waters, and that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection does not intend to classify the mainstem as a Category One (C-1) waterway.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 3rd day of December, 2007, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township of Hopewell supports the permanent designation of the Lower Delaware River as Special Protection Waters by the Delaware River Basin Commission.
2. This action does not, in any way, support or shall be construed to support either the nomination of or classification of the Lower Delaware River nor any of its tributaries as Category One (C-1) waterways as defined by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

## **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

The Administrator and CFO presented items for the December 10, 2007 regular meeting.

## **PUBLIC SECTION**

There were no comments from the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION.** Read into the record.

Mayor Sandom stated that the agenda meeting would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Iorio to go to Executive Session to discuss legal/contract negotiations.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee to discuss legal/contract negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to conduct a meeting from which the public is excluded in order to discuss such matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the time when and circumstances under which discussion conducted in executive session may be disclosed to the public is when appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 3rd day of December 2007, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

At 8:08 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 9:00 p.m., Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

LAURIE E. GOMPF  
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK