

**Readington Township Waterwatch Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 20, 2024**

**OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Orlandi at 7:04 p.m. stating that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mario Orlandi – Chair  
David Owen  
Steve Foster  
Marlene Orlandi  
Jerry Cook

**Member Absent:**

Rene Rao  
Richard Geissler  
Andrew Saad  
Tatianna Hlinka  
Jonathan Heller  
Lauren Huelsebusch

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Steve Foster to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes as amended, seconded by Marlene Orlandi

**Committee Member Updates:**

David Owen – The Stream Clean Up report from RHA was distributed to the members. David reported that 20 trash bags and 5 recycling bags were removed from the 3 sites, totaling 550 lbs. of trash. The report was reviewed and discussed. Clarification and comments will be discussed with RHA. Changes will be made, and the final report will be posted to Facebook.

Ms. Orlandi – Marlene would like to inquire about the large, long log that was cut in half and made into a long bench on Springtown Road. She will reach out to the owner of the property regarding how that was made to use the same method to make some for the trails. Doug Vornlocker and RVCC students met with Sarah Pouch from Readington Middle School to walk the trail. Markers are on the trail from Rosevelt Street to the stream. The students will be bussed from Holland Brook to the trail. The bus will pick them up at the other end of the stream. Logistics will be figured out. The RVCC students will make stations along the trail. As the students walk through, they will reach a station where one of the RVCC students will discuss the detention basin, the wetlands, the open fields, etc.

Mr. Foster – No updates. The next EC meeting will be September 10, 2024.

Mr. Cook – No updates.

Mr. Orlandi – Discussed Tatiana Hlinka’s idea of the Story Map. Mario clarified the project is not about the Readington Townships’ Waterwatch Advisory Committee but will be discussed and featured within the scope of her environmental project. Mario connected her with members and RHA to provide her information for her project. Mario discussed the Sustainable Jersey recertification in February of 2025. He is drafting a summary of what has been accomplished since its creation and asking members if they have anything additional to contribute. RHA well testing dates were discussed, and planning is in progress. Members discussed advertising the event.

**New Business/Other Business:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

Steve Foster mentioned that Raritan Headwaters has posted their annual report. Mario discussed a possible community wide presentation of their annual report, and the stream clean-up and other topics.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by David Owens, seconded by Marlene Orlandi, and carried by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle Monaghan  
Advisory Boards Secretary