

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

March 19th, 2015 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:34 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Craig Buffington, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Sarah Harney, Sal Russomanno, Art Shaw, Eva Suriani Liaison: Dave Chiddenton Excused: Rich Beswick, Julia Levoch-Day

2. Meeting Open to Public: Harry Crow, a Cub Scout Leader for Pack #159, explained a plan the scouts have for designing and planting a garden on land behind Loudon Firehouse. Loudon has already given permission, and Mr. Crow was wondering if the WTEC would assist in the project. We assured him that we would, and he was given D. Bittner's name, since a garden is also being designed by Waterford School students, and perhaps ideas could be shared. R. Yeatman attended this meeting, as well.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by E. Suriani to approve the minutes from the February 19th meeting. Minutes were approved with two abstentions from S. Russomanno and A. Shaw, due to their absences.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton presented a letter that she wrote at PPA's request to assist them with a grant writing project. She also gave an update on the T-shirt contest, which requests that the students in all three schools draw an environmental design, wherein the winning designs will be printed on T-shirts and given out at our Town Clean-ups.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton congratulated the new WTEC officers. He also announced that the Town Clean-up date has been approved. A proposal for the Open Space Grant will be submitted, but the Trail Grant has been denied, as it requires matching funds. A work order to make "No Dumping" signs will be submitted to our DPW when we begin our illegal dumping campaign. Lastly, he announced that we were successfully awarded a \$2,000 grant for our Green Team from Sustainable Jersey.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: Although R. Beswick was unable to attend, he forwarded his Planning Board notes to T. Chiddenton. Last month's application for a church to be built on the White Horse Pike is still waiting on the Pinelands Commission's approval. The same church has also applied to have a school built. One application requested the demolition of two garages to build a house, and another was denied as two pole barns for horses were requested to be built before a house was established on the property. Finally, the Tuckahoe Turf Farm agreed to the \$25,000 application fee for a soccer tournament to be held on their land in Waterford.

7. Old Business: We are still awaiting a high-definition "Illegal Dumping" logo from the DEP. S. Harney asked if the DEP could send an EPS version of the logo we already have, and R. Yeatman asked to receive a copy, also. He was asked if he could pull the old WTEC website, once and for all, since he no longer has the software to update it. An inquiry was made if our Facebook page could be linked to the township website, thus eliminating the need for a separate WTEC website. T. Chiddenton recommended that we wait to request banners for the Fishing Tournament, since we have incurred quite a few expenditures recently. She found that STAPLES prices are very competitive with online companies, and liked the idea of

previewing them in person before payment. She is also in the process of completing an application for a Open Space Grant, which is due April 1st.

8. New Business: T. Chiddenton announced that the Clementon Gun Club approved our request to use their facilities for our May 2nd (rain date: May 9th) Town Clean-up. She asked the members if they would prefer that she pick up lunch supplies for the participants at B.J.'s, as she has in the past, or ask Murphy's and Roma's if they would sell to us at a discounted price. The consensus was to buy from the most reasonably priced vendor. The updated clean-up flyer was presented and approved for distribution to the schools and local businesses. D. Chiddenton inventoried the WTEC trailer for supplies and reported that none are needed. E. Suriani agreed to post the clean-up info. on the Facebook site, with township permission. She then joined T. Chiddenton in summarizing an ANJEC Workshop they attended, along with R. Beswick and D. Chiddenton, on March 7th. Some ideas we hope to utilize are: collecting e-mails from residents who attend our events, inviting other environmental commissions to these events, requesting games and music from ANJEC for events, and marching in the town's Memorial Day parade. Some members suggested that we should have children and adults in the parade wearing t-shirts with the winning designs from our t-shirt contest and carrying our WTEC banner.

9. ANJEC/Sustainable Update: S. Harney informed us that we did not receive volunteers from the College of N.J. to help us stencil our storm drains. C. Buffington offered the assistance of the Boy Scouts for stenciling on April 18th. T. Chiddenton stated that she would order extra stencils to complete the project. We discussed the need to work on Sustainable N.J. actions now so that we are not scrambling to complete them as the deadline approaches.

10. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton circulated the letter from WTEC to Cub Scout Pack #159, which thanked them for the bat houses they constructed last year, and explained where the houses had been placed. She also presented a calendar from Haddon Heights as an example(apart from the Voorhees calendar) to give us ideas for designing our own calendar. A Waterford Twp. calendar would be given to all residents in lieu of a new resident packet, which was originally discussed. C. Damiani announced that he would start attending the monthly Camden County Open Space meetings. E. Suriani expressed interest in doing the same.

11. Meeting Open to Public: R. Yeatman stated that he may have an idea of a resident who might have the artistic skills to design a community map.

12. S. Russomanno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by E. Suriani. Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Next Meeting: April 16th at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton