

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2019**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Sunshine Rule was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Pat Butenis, Terri & Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Bob Doney, Tom Giangliulio, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Art Shaw

Honorary Member: Al Campbell

Liaison: Mary Sura

Green Team: Craig Buffington, Richard Casian

Roll Call: C. Buffington, P. Butenis, R. Casian, D. Chiddenton, T. Chiddenton, B. Doney, T. Giangliulio, D. LaMagna, E. Paul, A. Shaw, M. Sura

Excused: A. Campbell, C. Damiani

2. **Meeting open to the public:** none present

3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** T. Giangliulio moved to approve the minutes and T. Chiddenton seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. **Clean Communities:** T. Chiddenton reported that Girl Scout Troop #30090 commented on the ease of cleaning their area at Whispering Pines, as the amount of litter has lessened. C. Buffington replied that he wished he could have said the same of the Boy Scout (Troop #159) clean-up on Pestleton Rd. and Atco Ave. They collected a large quantity of trash, and has asked that we designate those areas for our Town Clean-up on April 6th.

5. **Report from Township Liaison:** No formal report, but the Chair asked M. Sura if our trash/recycling collection company, Republic, still plans to present information about “contamination on site” to a Twp. Committee meeting? She believes that they still intend to do so.

6. **Report from Planning Board Liaison:** T. Giangliulio explained that there were no new applications at the latest Planning Board meeting, but they did review one from 8 years ago. The owner of a property on the WHP asked to receive a permit for the construction of 2 buildings, but was delayed by the Pinelands Commission. He has now received their permission, so the project may commence. D. Chiddenton reminded Tom that the WTEC formed a site plan review

sub-committee, and would appreciate Tom sending us his plans when he receives them. Tom suggested we contact Deb Simone and Ralph Condo (P.B. secretary and Chair, respectively) so that we may receive site plans along with Planning Board members, simultaneously, and in that way, they could be reviewed immediately.

7. Old Business:

- ACUA Recycling Workshop/Tour: D. Chiddenton attended a recycling workshop, which was held by the ACUA. He learned that Atlantic County was accepting far less recyclables, due to China's refusal to take the world's contaminated plastics. E. Paul asked what the consequences for contamination was, and Dave replied that the town is charged for them as trash. Dave also learned that our collection company, Republic, now owns the recycling plant in Camden, and that we should contact them for guidance. We all agreed that the new recycling standards are not good news, and Pat suggested that we open communications with our residents. T. Chiddenton will post a new flyer on the fb page.

- T-shirt Contest Update: T. Chiddenton reported that she announced the winners at the schools, and gave out balloons and Letters of Appreciation to all participants. The B.O.E. will celebrate these students at their May 1st Board meeting. We also plan to schedule a presentation at the Twp. Committee's May televised meeting. D. Chiddenton mentioned that the prices from a few vendors were compared, but our local vendor, "Little Tee's," continues to be the best price.

- Spring Town Clean-up: R. Casian has found a new construction dump site in the forest. T. Chiddenton asked if it had been reported to the DEP. She reminded everyone that there is an app. available, and promised to send out the flyer which explains this app. P. Butenis wondered if this site is among the ones found by the PPA, in preparation for the upcoming South Jersey Scrub. The Chair asked which members planned to help with the clean-up, and all responded. He asked that we record littered areas, both in the town, and along the trails, as possible spots to send groups on April 6th.

- South Jersey Scrub: P. Butenis reminded the membership that the second annual South Jersey Scrub will take place from April 6th – April 14th. This is a coordinated effort involving the NJDEP, the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program, and the Clean Communities Council. Our Town Clean-up has been registered by T. Chiddenton, and Pat is working with the PPA on a clean-up in our forest on April 7th. They will be stationed in the parking lot at the end of Burnt Mill Rd. She will make sure that Rich receives their dump site coordinates so that they do not overlap with his site.

8. **New Business:**

- Fishing Tournament Date: T. Chiddenton explained that Michael Hogan contacted her for this year's Fishing Tournament date, so that he can coincide our event with a stream-assessment. After checking with the NJDEP website, Terri learned that the weekend of June 8th is designated as a "free fishing weekend," so our tournament will be on June 8th.

- TriCSA: The next Tri-County Sustainability Alliance meeting will be on March 27th, from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Time is being set aside to discuss Dave's ACUA workshop notes and the county's stand on recycling.

9. **Sustainable Jersey Review:** The Chair reiterated actions which are being completed by P. Butenis, C. Damiani, and himself. He asked T. Giangliulio and B. Doney to familiarize themselves with the Sustainable Jersey website, and T. Chiddenton mentioned we could work together so that Tom and Bob are comfortable with the SJ nuances.

10. **Pinelands Commission Reports:** The Pinelands Commission is still waiting for the letter of approval from our Planning Board for the work, which was requested by the DEP, to proceed at Myer's Junkyard.

11. **Comments from Membership:** T. Giangliulio questioned the erratic bulk pick-up system, as items lay for weeks on end. A. Shaw suggested that bulk dates be included on new recycling information. B. Doney replied that our Code Enforcement Officer should tag bulk which has been put to the curbside prematurely, and D. Chiddenton added that our DPW should report infractions on their daily rounds. Bob asked about the carwash on the WHP, and was assured that remediation should begin in May. Dave showed the membership a "business recycling letter," which should be sent out in January. E. Paul and T. Giangliulio agreed that outside contractors (such as landscapers) should be asked to submit a recycling report as part of their permit process. Touching on other topics, T. Chiddenton reminded the membership that the N.J. Forest Service was giving an Atlantic White Cedar Restoration field tour on Monday, Tom mentioned that the NJ Senate doubled the prescribed burns, as recent weather may exacerbate wildfires, and Ed announced that the Federal Court has restricted gas and oil drilling because of insufficient studies in environmental impact.

12. **Meeting Open to the Public:** none present

13. **Adjourn:** Motion was made to adjourn by T. Giangliulio and seconded by A. Shaw.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next proposed meeting date: Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 PM