

## Waterford Twp. Environmental Commission – Nov. 26, 2013 Meeting - Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:32 P.M.

Members Present: R. Yeatman, T. Chiddenton, D. Chiddenton, A. Shaw, J. Day, E. Suriani, R. Beswick  
Absent: Liaison - B. Richardson, S. Russomanno, B. Snook

2 - Pledge of Allegiance – Chair R. Yeatman read the Sunshine Law requirements. Flag was saluted.

3. Meeting Open to Public – Steve Luell, Rutgers AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador. Expressed interest in determining a date in the Spring of 2014 to have a County Litter Clean-up and macroinvertebrate study at Atco Lake. He will contact Mike Hogan from the Land Trust to find when he is available. Once a date is determined, he will create a flyer for us to distribute thru our school system to advertise the event.

4. Minutes for approval: Meeting 11/12/13. Motion J. Day. 2nd R. Yeatman. All in favor.

5. Atco Lake Mosquito Control: Bat Houses. Decided to wait to Spring to raise Bat houses.

6. Stormwater Drain Management. D. Chiddenton reviewed Enhancing Stormwater Basins seminar on 11/19/13. Found it very informative. NJDEP requires that Twp.'s maintain stormwater basins to control water flow/infiltration. Recommended planting low lying, native vegetation in basins to adsorb and evaporate standing water. D. Chiddenton to contact WTDPW to how many and which basins are routinely being maintained and map of all basins and determine lat./longitude of each basin.

7. Groundwater Mercury Contamination in Stormwater basin: there can be no more quantitative analysis provided. The results remain that mercury levels in the basin sediment are higher than expected. Discussed next steps.

8. Owens Corning: Reviewed Dow's Remediation Project. R. Yeatman reviewed sampling around and in Mullica River results showed no Dowtherm products detected. D/T Chiddenton reviewed the Public Mtg. held by Dow at the Seniors Center. Noted that they were impressed by Dow's presentation. Noted that 5 interested people attended. Discussion ensued regarding plume movement and Dow's next steps in the remediation phase.

9 Flyer for 'Composting' – R. Yeatman to try and post web link onto WTEC website.

10. Scout 'Tree Planting Event'. Discussed that tree planting went well. T. Chiddenton, D. Chiddenton R. Beswick and R. Yeatman attended.

11. Winter on the Avenue – discussed purchasing additional 200 handouts. Attending members decided that 'chapsticks' with an anti-litter slogan on them would be the choice. E. Suriani to coordinate purchase.

12. Discussed creating Facebook page for the Environmental Commission instead of attempting potential problems with the standard WTEC website. E. Suriani to coordinate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 13. Discussed Twp. decision to use Salt Brine for road ice/snow control. Motion by R. Beswick to create letter to Twp. offering info from contractors. R. Yeatman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. D. Chiddenton to search out contractor information so letter can be created.

14. Clean Communities (R. Yeatman) – Loudon Fire Dept. still waiting Clean Communities sign being made by the WTDPW. T. Chiddenton to contact Mike Miclasavage to find out why it has not been put up. Requested 8/2013.

15. Opened meeting to Public – None attending.

16. Adjourn – 8:39 PM. Motion by E. Suriani 2nd by R. Beswick All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by R. Yeatman

**NEXT MEETING: 12/10/13**