

## Waterford Township Environmental Commission

### January 9, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:31 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Dave and Terri Chiddenton, Julia Levoch-Day, Sarah Harney, Sal Rus-somanno, Eva Suriani Liaison: Rick Yeatman Excused: Art Shaw

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: Unavailable

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Sierra Club had completed their 2nd clean-up of Columbia Ave., which qualified them for a payment of \$250. The Loudon Firehouse Volunteers received their Adopt-a-Road sign, which was installed in front of the firehouse. Chase Ballas has not completed his Eagle Scout project due to lack of funds.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman had no information to date. D. Chiddenton thanked Rick for his hard work and years of dedication on the WTEC.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: R. Yeatman had the latest information, which was a request for the approval to build 9 single homes on the property at Atlantic and Cooper Roads. He also noted that the property owner verified that the Pinelands Commission did a site survey and found NO invasive plant species.

7. Old Business: A motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by Julia Levoch-Day that funds from the Clean Communities Grant be awarded to T. Chiddenton as salary for her duties as Clean Communities Coordinator and Recording Secretary. The motion was approved unanimously. E. Suriani volunteered to start a gmail account for the commission members in order to create a WTEC facebook page, which would advertise upcoming events and post pictures of events which had already occurred. R. Yeatman offered to send us links to other Environmental facebook pages, and he would question the township's IT company to see if they could update our website. R. Beswick commented that we need to advertise our events more, and that splitting this responsibility would make the job easier. After calling a representative from Shell Oil, D. Chiddenton learned that the soil contamination on the White Horse Pike began in 1989, and that a company named Groundwater Environmental Consultants is testing soil surrounding a tank which has been removed. We are awaiting a phone call from this company. We

are also waiting for our budget to be approved by Town Committee so that we can have a second sample taken at a mercury-contaminated retention basin on Joseph Marone Drive. If a more regimented second sample proves definite mercury pollution, then a report will be sent to the county and the state.

8. New Business: A motion was made by T. Chiddenton and seconded by E. Suriani to establish D.

Chiddenton as WTEC Chairperson. A motion was then made by E. Suriani and seconded by T.

Chiddenton to designate S. Russomanno as the Co-chair. R. Yeatman made a comment that the WTEC

Chairperson is appointed by the Mayor, typically based upon the recommendation of the WTEC

membersip. Finally, a motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by R. Beswick to appoint T.

Chiddenton as the Clean Communities Coordinator and Recording Secretary for the WTEC. These

motions were all unanimously approved. Meetings will tentatively be scheduled on the third Thursday of

each month, with extra meetings being announced when needed. The Spring Clean-up Date has been

determined to be Saturday, April 26th, with the rain date of May 3rd. A formal letter to Andy Wade will

be sent requesting smaller/less expensive and fewer dumpsters for the clean-up. A 2014 budget is

awaiting approval from the Town Committee, which includes funds for assemblies, ANJEC fees,

water/soil testing materials for projects, a generator, trailer inventory, tent/lights for public appear-

ances, and stencils/paint for scouts to identify cleaned storm drains. Total estimation of expenditures

should amount to \$5,000.

9. Comments from Membership: E. Suriani asked for the status of the Atco water tower. R.

Yeatman stated that we are awaiting funds for the tower's sediment removal. S. Russomanno

questioned if Atco Lake could be tested for contamination. Again, funds must be made available.

R. Beswick requested a Green Team flyer be made for circulation in order to recruit team members.

10. Meeting Open to Public: None present

11. S. Russomanno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by E. Suriani. Meeting

was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

**Next Meeting: February 20th at 7:30 P.M.**