

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

November 16th, 2017

1. Called to order at 7:30 P.M. Sunshine law was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Craig Buffington, Pat Butenis, Terri and Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Salvatore Russomanno, Arthur Shaw

Green Team Members: Rich Casian

Liaison: Al Campbell

Excused Members: Terri Chiddenton – Art Shaw

2. Meeting open to the Public: none

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by E. Paul to approve the minutes. P. Butenis, S. Russomanno abstained. Minutes were approved.

4. Clean Community Report: D. Chiddenton gave the report for T. Chiddenton, stating discussions of adoptable storm drains utilizing C.C. funds. After checking with the State officials, it is an allowable expense, much like the adopt-a-road program. There is no interested party applying at this time, but this answers a member's question: Members had discussed how homeowners can adopt a storm drain by their home, as this helps DPW alleviate potential flooding of the roads by clearing off the grate. No monetary payment would come from adopting only one storm drain, as it doesn't meet the one-mile stipulation. Boy Scout Troop 159 did a cleanup of Pestleton Rd, and a section on Chew Rd. They were instructed to email the clean-up results.

5. Report from the Township Committee Liaison: A. Campbell reported the dates of upcoming Committee meetings. There will be a town hall t.v. meeting on 11/20/17, and a joint meeting @ the Atco school with the Committee and the Planning Board on 11/27/17, in order to hear the developers' plans for Haines Mill Rd. A. Campbell also gave the date of a combined School Board and Township Committee meeting on 11/30/17 @ the Waterford School. The final Town Committee meeting for 2017 will be held on 12/13/17. D. LaMagna questioned if the committee would be voting on the developer on the 11/27/17 meeting, A. Campbell said no. They will be reviewing the plans and vote at a future meeting.

6. Report from the Planning Board Member: S. Russomanno stated there was no meeting due to lack of applications – D. Chiddenton jumped in quoting a letter received from the Pinelands Commission on the Myers junkyard property with new violations. He will be following up with S. Danson next week.

7. Old Business: D. Chiddenton verified conversations made by P. Butenis, S. Danson and T. Chiddenton, which confirmed that the WTEC next spring will be assigned six (6) retention basins

set for native plant seedlings and milkweed. It was discussed that the basin at the new fire station would not be suitable, as the plants resemble weeds until they bloom, and this may cause complaints by passing motorists. Atco Lake seems to be having some activity, starting with booms on site. There are plans of deepening the lake and making repairs to the bridge. It has been confirmed that we are on the list for this work to be completed as the schedule allows.

8. New Business: D. Chiddenton asked the members to come up with goals for the WTEC to complete in 2018 and bring them to the 12/21/17 meeting. One goal discussed would be to have two (2) roundtable meetings with fellow environmental commissions to share ideas and feed off information with each other, especially towns who have achieved Silver Sustainable status. The Winter on the Ave. date of 12/2/17 was announced, and a request was made for members who would be attending to notify Dave by email. Earlier on that same day, T. Chiddenton, D. Chiddenton, and C. Damiani would be attending and speaking at the Eagle Scout ceremony for Joey Casian. Finally, D. Chiddenton asked all members whose term was expiring at the end of 2017, to please go on the town webpage and download the Committee Request form, and send it in so the Mayor has time to look it over before the re-organization meeting in early January. Members are – A. Shaw, E. Paul, S. Russomanno, T. Chiddenton.

9. Sustainable Actions: P. Butenis, D. Chiddenton, T. Chiddenton, and C. Damiani attended the Sustainable Jersey luncheon in Atlantic City on 11/14/17 to receive our plaque with the second awarding of Bronze Level status, which will be in effect until December 31, 2020. We will be presenting the plaque to the Mayor and Committee at the next t.v. meeting. A quick discussion of points went around the table and it was mentioned that we are at 175, and will need 350 by September to move to Silver. More on this in the near future.

10. Comments from The Membership: C. Damiani announced that Waterford has been accepted by the State Forestry Service as a “ firewise community, “ and two (2) signs will be sent to us to install on township roadways. D. LaMagna questioned the status of Gibbons Ct. infractions, and D. Chiddenton stated that we are still getting gate and trash reports, but this also is on the list for next week’s talks to S. Danson. Lastly, D. Chiddenton reported that he believes the WTEC trailer is due for some TLC next year.... a once over of the tires, axles, and hardware is in order, along with perhaps a fresh paint job. Members had no objections to this proposal.

11. Meeting Open to the Public: none

12. Adjourn: A motion was made by E. Paul and seconded by C. Damiani to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. Motion was approved.

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 7:30 P.M.