

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)
MINUTES - March 19th, 2025

Members: Rick Yeatman - Chairperson, Terry Ciarlante - Clean Communities Coordinator, Craig Buffington, Gabrielle DeSorte, Mike Ward, Jennifer Treloar, Kyle Santos, Kevin Hassall. Bob Doney - Township Liaison

Green Team Members: Rich Casian, Ed Paul, Charlie Damiani

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM. This meeting was held in the Waterford Township Municipal Courtroom. In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Open Public Meeting Act, notice of the time and place for this meeting was listed in the Central Record and the Courier Post. The Sunshine Rule was announced and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Rick Yeatman, Jennifer Treloar, Craig Buffington, Gabrielle DeSorte, Ed Paul, Terry Ciarlante, Rich Cassian, Kyle Santos & Kevin Hassall & Bob Doney. Absent: Charlie Damiani & Mike Ward.

Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes from the February 2025 meeting were read. Jennifer stated that Kevin's last name needed to be corrected to "Hassall." Ed Paul stated that in reference to the cubic yards of trash collected, the correct number is between 500 and 750 cubic yards. Rick acknowledged the correction to his earlier statement. Terry Ciarlante motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, Kyle Santos seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting open to the public: Rhea Hood from Berlin Borough was absent.; there were no other members of the public present. Mayor Doney has not received her letter of interest yet.

Chair's report: (Rick Yeatman) The St. Patrick's celebration on Atco Avenue was very successful.

Atco Lake: Deputy Mayor Giangulio received a message from Camden County Commissioner Nash that we can request when and to what extent we want to chemically treat the spaddock plants in Atco Lake. Discussion covered the possible effects on the Fishing Derby in June. The general consensus was to do the entire lake and annihilate the spaddock.

Mayor Doney reported that the county has obtained the permit to dredge Atco Lake. Rick asked if they had done core sampling; Mayor Doney stated "not yet."

Clean Communities Report: (Terry Ciarlante) Our account balance is \$53,085.11. There was no social media report. The payout per person for event volunteers has been increased from \$10 to \$25 per person, with a limit of \$250 per group per clean up.

Terry showed us handouts from the convention. We also discussed ordering hats and visors from the Yale School. We'll have to purchase the base material, but there will be no set up fees for us. We decided on 300 black hats and 150 dark green visors. We also discussed ordering small bags, stuffed animals, vinyl stickers, wildflower seeds, milkweed seeds, and litter activity books. Terry will research the stuffed animals, and will order the small bags and stickers. Terry also indicated she will be ordering new signs to advertise the Township Clean Up. We decided to order the same amount of food we ordered previously.

Township Committee Liaison Report: (Mayor Bob Doney) Mayor Doney reporting that the Township is doing a feasibility about pursuing solar panels, and will post information on the Township website.

Rick shared a letter from PSE&G seeking a permit for continued use of herbicide for vegetation maintenance.

Land Use Board Liaison Report: (Rick Yeatman) There was a discussion about a vendor on Jackson Road. Mayor Doney stated that this discussion was more about code violations than land use, thus not an environmental concern. There was also discussion about the possibility of a warehouse at the old movie theater site. Mayor Doney indicated the environmental concern is having enough water for fire suppression. Mayor Doney stated we want to avoid connecting to American Water, and that we are reestablishing connections with Winslow. These connections would only be used in an emergency.

Trails Ambassador Report: (Rich Casian) Rich had nothing to report. There was discussion again about the legality of putting up cameras, Mayor Doney and Rick will meet with the Chief of Police to discuss.

Old Business: TREX benches. Rick found out that TREX for towns is different than TREX for businesses. He doesn't want to proceed until we work out who will take the materials.

Environmental School programs: (Rick Yeatman) Rick created questions that could be used to develop an educational classroom program on forest fires and forest growth for 8-10 year olds. Mike Achey from Fire Service is creating answers for the questions and will return to Rick. Volunteers for the sub-committee on this: Kyle Santos, Rick Yeatman, Terry Ciarlante, Jennifer Treloar & Mayor Bob Doney.

Spring Clean-up: April 26th, 2025 from 7:30 AM to noon at Clementon Gun Club.

Spring Shedding Event May 17th, 2025, 8:30-11:30 AM at town hall parking lot. We will have TAB arrive at 8AM.

Pinelands Commission notifications (Mike Ward absent) nothing to report.

Meeting open to the public - No members of the public present.

Comments from members: Terry Ciarlante: for the clean up we should arrive at 7AM, she is advertising 8 AM to Noon. Mayor Doney: showed us a newspaper article where a reporter from Hammonton reported on their environmental commission, we could get her to report on us. We also now have a line item amount of \$2500 on the town budget. Terry asked about the status of the train station; Rick responded that we need proof of where the station was. Kyle indicated that it may show on old satellite photos, he will look into it.

Motion was made to adjourn by Jennifer Treloar, seconded by Kyle Santos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting Date: April 17th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Treloar, WTEC Recording Secretary