

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM. Sunshine Rule was announced and the flag was saluted.

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

Liaison: Mary Sura

Green Team: Richard Casian

Absent: D. LaMagna, A. Shaw, R. Casian

Chair Dave Chiddenton introduced Mary Sura as the new Township Liaison to the WTEC.

2. **Meeting open to the public:** Al Campbell attended as the former liaison to WTEC and expressed his thanks to the members for their support and pledged in turn to support the Commission's work in the future. The Chair reminded us that Al had been recognized several years ago as a Member Emeritus and was always welcome.

3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** T. Chiddenton proposed correcting the date to read January 18, 2018 and not 2017 as written. The motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected by E. Paul and seconded by C. Buffington. Minutes were approved.

4. **Clean Communities Report** (T. Chiddenton): There were no clean ups. Terri will be officially certified as a Clean Communities Coordinator in May, having completed the remaining hours of training.

5. **Report from Township Committee Liaison** (M. Sura): Mary said she was happy to join the Commission, was working hard to get up to speed and was impressed with the amount of work WTEC did. The Chair said the Commission was a friendly, collegial group focused on improving the Township. Terri explained that our

Green Team, with a single member (R. Casian) should have representation from the business community, school personnel, parents, and other community members. Effectively, the entire WTEC currently served as the Green Team.

6. Report from Planning Board Member (S. Russomanno): the form letter under consideration to be sent to all automotive businesses in Waterford will specify that the bay-to-vehicle ratio is 10 cars per bay, among other points. On the Myers Auto property, the six-month deadline for compliance the Pinelands Commission specified in its November letter to Myers has been extended by six months. (A. Campbell mentioned that while the Pinelands Commission raised the violations with Myers it has no authority to issue any summonses but must work through the Township.) Myers has been ordered to scale back its usage of the property to within the permitted size and to install a dismantling pad with a filtration basin. Myers has already begun scaling back.

7. Old Business:

- **ERI/NRI Grant:** Terri C. noted that the Township approved our application for a \$10,000 grant the previous evening, with Dave Patterson drafting the resolution required with the application, which is due February 28. Regarding the preliminary estimate we received for the ERI/NRI, there may be some elements we could do ourselves and reduce the cost. (Al C. noted that when he was Chair he had tried to gain approval for an ERI/NRI without success so he congratulated the WTEC for obtaining approval, as the Township needs this done.)
- **Wellness Night/Green Fair:** Waterford School will hold its Wellness Night/Green Fair on March 22, Thursday, 6-8PM. We will announce the winners of our tee-shirt contest and operate our spin wheel, which will require a new set of questions and prizes. There may be so many children that they will have to compete in teams and not always individually. We will also need WTEC volunteers for that event.
- **Rain Barrels:** the Gun Club is happy to host our rain barrel workshop on Clean Up Day (May 5, Saturday), will let us store the barrels there and would like a few for its own use. Lauren the Watershed Ambassador can't join us that day and has suggested we have our training session with her on April 28 (Saturday). Lauren can buy the barrels for about \$70-\$80 apiece, yielding about 18 barrels.

Ed P. said he would look into locating less expensive barrels so we could offer perhaps 30-40 to township residents.

8. **New Business:**

- **New trash/recycling program:** The Chair counseled patience as the new trash and recycling company gets established. While there is always some resistance to change in the community, the end result will be better for the environment and the township's finances. It was also noted that not every resident was reading the brochure that accompanied the new bins.

- **Roundtables:** Charlie D. contacted the Chair of the Winslow WTEC about getting together and will also reach out to Hammonton. Both townships are SJ Silver and we might get some useful tips from them.

- **Recycling center:** We have the latest county guidelines on single-stream recycling which we will hand out as flyers at all WTEC events.

- **T-shirt contest:** The printer will have the T-shirts ready for the March 22 Wellness Night/Green Fair. We have to figure out how to judge the entries and will need more judges. Perhaps Terri C. can take pictures of the entries and e-mail them to the judges. We decided on bright blue as this year's T-shirt color.

- **Owens Corning update/mercury plume:** We didn't discuss Owens Corning given time constraints but Sal R. provided an update on the mercury plume in his neighborhood, on Dorothy, Waverly and Beechwood streets. Mercury was found in that area according to a 2012 WTEC file and NJ's DEP's siphoning fund paid for a filtering bed on Sal's property but now mercury is in his water supply. He is waiting for a call back from DEP regarding their next steps. Sal will send the Chair further information so WTEC can pursue this further.

9. **Sustainable Jersey Update:** The Chair said we currently had 160 points and listed those actions completed and those pending. He urged members to continue working on their assigned actions.

10. **Comments from Members:** Terri C. listed the following activities coming up: Wellness Night/Green Fair – March 22; rain barrel training – April 28; Township

Clean Up & rain barrel Workshop – May 5; shredding – May 12; Spring Fling – May 19; Memorial Day parade – May 28; and Fishing event – June 9. We are busy.

11. **Meeting open to the public:** no comments

12: **Adjourn:** Motion was made by the Chair and seconded by Charlie Damiani to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM .

Next proposed meeting date: March 15 at 7:30PM