

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

January 15th, 2015 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:35 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Terri Chiddenton, Sal Russomanno, Eva Suriani

Liaison: Dave Chiddenton Excused: Charlie Damiani, Sarah Harney, Julia Levoch-Day, Art Shaw

2. Meeting Open to Public: Al Campbell, a former WTEC member and chair, and present-day Deputy Mayor, congratulated the membership on their hard work and accomplishments during the past year, esp. for achieving Sustainable Jersey's Bronze Level of Certification for the township.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by R. Beswick to approve the minutes from the Dec. 18th meeting. Minutes were approved, with one abstention from S. Russomanno, due to his absence.

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. She also asked guidance from the membership as to requiring the Sierra Club to expand their "Adopted" area, since Columbia Ave. no longer requires great maintenance effort. S. Russomanno made a motion, which was seconded by E. Suriani to request an enlargement of the Sierra Club's clean-up area.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton read a N.J. e-waste letter, which stated that no vendor who accepts e-waste from a municipality may charge for that waste. Goodwill assured him that they will take our electronics for the upcoming year, as long as those items are placed in the trailer provided by them on the DPW parking lot. He plans to also begin a program of curbside T.V. removal by the DPW.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: R. Beswick reported that the Tuckahoe Turf Farm expressed an interest in hosting the regional soccer tournament in Waterford this year. Ms. Finkbender has been given official approval for the addition to her house. The Pinelands Commission is awaiting an application from Myers Junkyard to allow the junkyard to retain the acreage they now utilize. The Atco Raceway has requested for the approval of 3 paper roads on their property. Lastly, the Planning Board has decided to put the search for a Town Planner on hold, as they have not received a requisite amount of applications.

7. Old Business: We have received the price for printing a "No Dumping" magnet for resident distribution. Printing will begin as soon as the template is converted into high definition. T. Chiddenton contacted personnel from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and our local police in regards to a resident's concern over coyotes. To date, no complaints of aggression or attacks have been reported. The recurring subject of the WTEC's website was mentioned. T. Chiddenton will contact S. Danson to see if the Township's IT person can remove old, outdated data, and replace it with current information.

8. New Business: Several topics for new business have been tabled, as they require a vote, and the attending members agreed that a larger representation of members would be desirable. These topics include: Commission member appointments, meeting schedule, and resident handouts. The members had been sent an electronic copy of the WTEC's 2014 Annual Report, along with lists of achieved goals in 2014 and proposed goals for 2015. Four additional goals were suggested by various members, which will be added to the list. A rough draft of a proposed budget was also discussed, and will be readdressed at the next meeting.

9. Sustainable & ANJEC Updates: A list of accomplished actions were given to the members, along with a list of actions which should be completed this year. A few small grants are available, but registration is due by Feb. 1st. A motion was made by S. Russomanno and seconded by T. Chiddenton that a member should be appointed to keep the commission updated on available grants and grant submission status.

10. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton mentioned an e-mail she received from A. Shaw, which was a link to a Camden County article. The article listed sites that accept e-waste, which will be useful information if/when Goodwill removes their trailer from our DPW yard.

11. Meeting Open to Public: A. Campbell suggested that at least one member attend the monthly Camden County Open Space meetings, as he once did as a WTEC member. Not only is this another good source for grants, but these meetings are attended by mayors in surrounding municipalities who are willing to share ideas, and in some cases, services, as well.

12. S. Russomanno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by R. Beswick. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Next Meeting: February 19th at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton