

## Waterford Township Environmental Commission

### February 19th, 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, Charlie Damiani, Sarah Harney, Julia Levoch-Day, Eva Suriani    Liaison: Dave Chiddenton    Excused: Sal Russomanno    Absent: Art Shaw

2. Meeting Open to Public: A soon to be appointed commission alternate, Craig Buffington, attended so that he could acquaint himself with other members and the business at hand.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by E. Suriani to approve the minutes from the Jan. 15th meeting. Minutes were approved, with abstentions from Charlie Damiani, Sarah Harney, and Julia Levoch-Day, due to their absences.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the War Memorial Committee contacted her in regards to providing them with supplies for their next Adopt-a-Spot clean-up. In reviewing their previous clean-ups of Condo Ave., she noticed that only 2 - 3 bags of trash /recyclables have typically been collected during each of their clean-ups. She stated that this is a similar situation to the Sierra Club, whereas grant money is being awarded for minimal results. Terri wondered if the War Memorial members could be asked to expand their area to either a section of Pestleton Ave. or Chew Rd., as both roads are in close proximity to Condo Ave., and are in dire need of maintaining. A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by C. Damiani to request an expansion of the War Memorial Committee's Adopt - a Spot territory. Motion passed. D. Chiddenton also suggested that Lt. D'Amico could oversee litter removal on Pestleton Ave. through community service work.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton announced that funds have been secured by the township to begin repairs on the water tower. This project should begin in March. The Annual Clean Communities Grant Reports for 2010 and 2011 have been approved and submitted, and the 2012 report is near completion. The DPW will begin removal of curbside T.V.s as soon as the transmission on the lift-gate truck is repaired.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: R. Beswick reported that the retention pond for Waterford Station, a proposed nine home development, is awaiting a perk test. There is no new word from the Pinelands Commission on the status of Myers' Junkyard or the soccer tournament on the Tuckahoe Turf Farm property. The Pinelands Commission must also approve a church request to build on three adjacent lots located on the White Horse Pike. Lastly, the township would approve hiring a town planner when doing so is deemed necessary.

7. Old Business: We are still awaiting a high resolution version of the DEP's "illegal Dumping" logo from their graphic arts department. A motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by C. Damiani to initiate a contest among the students in our three public schools. The winners of an anti-littering/environmental design would have their design printed on T-shirts, which would then be handed out during our clean-ups. We would also look into the cost of adding our WTEC logo and facebook info. on the shirts. The motion passed. S. Harney suggested that Archway sponsor the shirts, but the consensus was that we could reserve that sponsorship for the Fishing

Tournament. A revised budget was also reviewed and approved. An updated WTEC Directory will be sent to D. Blemings for Township records and to be posted on the Township website.

8. New Business: The membership voted for E. Suriani as a new co-chair and C. Damiani as an alternate for the Clean Communities Coordinator. T. Chiddenton will resume her roles as the C.C.C. and recording secretary. S. Harney will be given the title of Sustainable Jersey Coordinator. The meetings will continue to be held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of every month in the municipal building. T. Chiddenton explained the township's policy of discouraging unexcused absences. She also informed the membership that R. Auermuller of the Wharton State Forest, M. Hogan of the Land and Water Trust, and the DEP have requested the commission's assistance in blocking trails adjacent to Chew Rd. in order to prohibit the ATV damage that is occurring in that area. The need for new business cards and signage for the annual Fishing Tournament and Electronics Collection events was briefly discussed. A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by C. Damiani to hold our Spring Town Clean-up on Saturday, May 2nd, with the rain date scheduled for May 9th. The motion carried.

9. Sustainable & ANJEC Updates: S. Harney has contacted Sustainable Jersey in regards to their College of N.J. Student Volunteer Day program. She requested that student volunteers be sent to Waterford on either April 18th or 25th to assist us with the storm drain stenciling and GPS location project. Sarah also made a list of sustainable actions which members chose to complete. We discussed the possibility of the Bronze Level plaque presentation to the WTEC members at a televised township meeting, and wondered if Chris Waldron, the Director of Camden County Sustainability, and at his invitation, a Freeholder would be interested in attending. A member has not been appointed, at this time, to keep the commission updated on available grants and grant submission status.

10. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton asked members to check the 2015 WTEC Directory to make sure all information was accurate. D. Chiddenton distributed a twp. calendar from Voorhees as an example for us to inspect, since we hope to help design one for our town, as well. C. Damiani announced that he would like to start attending the monthly Camden County Open Space meetings.

11. Meeting Open to Public: C. Buffington stated that he is looking forward to becoming an active member of the WTEC, and then questioned the whereabouts of the bat houses that the cub scouts constructed a year or so ago. Two of the houses were placed on opposite banks of Atco Lake, and a third was given to the Atco Firehouse, as bats were found within its walls.

12. C. Damiani made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by E. Suriani. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

**Next Meeting: March 19th at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

