

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

February 20, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:30 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Dave and Terri Chiddenton, Julia Levoch-Day, Sarah Harney, Art Shaw, Eva Suriani Liaison: Rick Yeatman Absent: Sal Russomanno

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by R. Beswick to approve the minutes from the January 9th meeting. Minutes were approved with one abstention from A. Shaw, due to his absence.

4. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that a cycling club, Team Evesham, had contacted her in regards to participating in the Adopt-a-Spot Program. Literature and forms have been sent to Nancy Wilson, the club's contact person, which are in the process of being completed and approved. Dave Humphries, the President of the WTAA, confirmed that they would like to participate in our Spring Town Clean-up, since their opening day for baseball will not conflict with our April 26 date.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman reported that the township was in need of salt, and that there was still no funding for the water tower. He also reported that a budget of \$3,400 had been allocated to the Environmental Commission for its many projects throughout the year.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton stated that recent Planning Board meetings have been canceled due to a lack of applications.

7. Old Business: R. Yeatman verified that the appointment of D. Chiddenton as Chairperson of the WTEC will be made at the Feb. 26th township meeting. T. Chiddenton has been denied payment for her duties as CCC and recording secretary. S. Harney suggested that a cost estimate should be calculated and compared to the cost of the stipend. The WTEC website has not been updated due to the fee required by the township's IT employee. E. Suriani was congratulated for her outstanding job of creating a WTEC facebook page, in which events could be advertised free of charge. Members discussed placing our facebook info. on clean-up signage, and requesting various local organizations post our page on their own facebook pages.* D. Chiddenton had contacted Amanda Paterson Dwyer from Groundwater Environmental Services for additional information on the Shell Oil Contamination Site. The site is located at the present-day Race-way Gas Station, and although all petroleum companies that have leased this site have complied with tank removal, there are still hydrocarbon fumes which emit from tank areas. R. Yeatman explained that the station once had a fume extraction device, which no longer exists. Shell has notified the state, county, and the neighboring Murphy

shopping complex of this contamination, which seems to be the extent of Shell's responsibilities in the matter. S Harney has agreed to register Waterford Twp. for consideration in the Sustainable Jersey Program. We noted that we are one of the very few remaining districts that are not members, and that we will need commitment from our local government and businesses for this program to succeed. Discussion on the construction of bat house poles has been tabled until S. Russomanno is in attendance. Storm water stencils and paint will be ordered and purchased through the Clean Communities Grant. The Boy Scout Council is reviewing the refund of C. Ballas' Eagle Scout revenue.

8. New Business: A. Shaw mentioned that he passed the Atco Lake/Macro Invertebrate flyer to the Winslow Environmental Club. We will be contacting Courier-Post in hopes that a reporter might be sent to this clean-up. R. Yeatman suggested that we have Fishing Tournament flyers available at this event, as well. R. Beswick, D. Chiddenton, and perhaps R. Yeatman plan to attend the ANJEC Environmental Commission Training workshops on March 8th and 15th. R. Beswick has ordered 10 small trees and 2 shrubs for the Cub Scouts to plant at the Marilyn Beard Trailhead. The trees should arrive on May 7th. In reference to the Open Space Grants, R. Yeatman agreed to contact J. Sworaski for information, and plans to meet at the Chiddenton home to discuss old grant materials. T. Chiddenton will begin the Annual Report for the Clean Communities Grant. Both the Waterford B.O.E. and the Town Committee are reviewing a formal request for the D. Street environmental assemblies for this upcoming April at Atco and Thomas Richards Schools. The commission hopes to have a recycling trailer at both of the Town Clean-ups (on April 26th and in the fall), and at the Town Hall on Dec. 27th.

9. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton suggested that a member write an article for ANJEC as publicity for our commission's many accomplishments. R. Beswick mentioned an article from the newspaper ("Shop Voorhees"), and wondered if the same concept could be applied to our town. D. Chiddenton replied that the same article has been given to the Economic Development Committee. E. Suriani recommended that we print out inexpensive business cards to advertise our facebook page.*

10. Meeting Open to Public: None present

11. R. Beswick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by E. Suriani. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

Next Meeting: March 20th at 7:30 P.M.

** all discussion relating to facebook must be suspended until further notice*