

**Waterford Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)**  
**Minutes – December 21, 2017**

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

Members: Craig Buffington, Pat Butenis, Terri and Dave Chiddenton, Charles Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Salvatore Russomanno, Arthur Shaw

Liaison: Al Campbell

Green Team: Richard Casian

Excused Members: Salvatore Russomanno, Arthur Shaw, Al Campbell

2. Meeting Open to the Public: none
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from last Meeting: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by D. LaMagna: Minutes were approved, with an abstention from T. Chiddenton.
4. Clean Communities Report (T. Chiddenton): Girl Scout Troop # 30090 completed a clean-up of Whispering Pines, there was a message on the WTEC facebook page from Leigh Simpson in Brick Twp. regarding Long Beach Twp.'s ordinance on the elimination of single-use plastic bags, and there has been no communication from our Watershed Ambassador, Lauren Cromie, on her assistance with our rain barrel workshop. T. Chiddenton will contact Michael Hogan, of the S. Jersey Land and Water Trust, and ANJEC, to see if we can recruit another assistant. In any case, we hope to hold the workshop some time in March.
5. Report from Township Committee Liaison (Campbell): D. Chiddenton was asked to relay the message that the Twp. Committee was holding a special meeting on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> to rescind the appointment of the CCIA as the developer for the Haines Blvd. project.
6. Report from Planning Board Member (Russomanno): No report.
7. Old Business:  
We all agreed that Winter on the Ave. was a great event, and that the new spinning wheel game was a success. D. Chiddenton thanked the members for their nearly 100% participation. The improvements at Atco Lake have begun; ditches are being

excavated and new work has been started on the dam. The Myers junkyard situation is being watched. A 34-acre area outside his lot, which was previously cleared of vehicles after a warning, is once again being filled. The Pinelands Commission has issued a clean out date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, which will then be followed by a violation summons. T. Chiddenton reported that she has not heard from the new Watershed Ambassador, and will inquire as to a replacement, if necessary, to assist us with a rain barrel making workshop.

#### 8. New Business:

The WTEC members brainstormed several goals for the upcoming year. Among these goals were: creating roundtable meetings with local environmental commissions, begin a program for planting wildflowers in specified retention ponds (in conjunction with establishing milkweed “no – mow” zones), assisting with the creation of a twp. calendar, educating the residents about invasive plants (this may coincide with providing more information on our facebook page), marking the Maple Island Trail with new tags, continue to offer free shredding to our residents, and earning more Sustainable Jersey action points. D.Chiddenton announced that he has been appointed to the Camden County Environmental Commission by the Camden County Freeholders. T. Chiddenton asked if she should apply for the \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant ( for the purchase of wild flower seeds ), or the \$10,000 grant ( in hopes of commissioning an ERI for the twp. ). The WTEC members suggested she try for both.

#### 9. Comments from the Membership:

C. Buffington mentioned that a few scouts may start early on their Eagle Scout projects, so we may need to think ahead for future project ideas. T. Chiddenton commented on Joey Casian’s impressive Eagle Scout ceremony, and informed the members that she is on the school district’s Sustainable School Committee, which should enable a pairing of actions between the WTEC and WTSD.

10. Meeting open to the Public: none

11. Adjourn: Motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by T. Chiddenton to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

**Next proposed meeting date Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 PM**

#### Reference Directory:

Waterford TWP WEB Site: <http://www.waterfordtwp.org/township/index.php>

WTEC Face Book Group Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waterford-Township-Environmental-Commission/1502220093337038?fref=ts>

Sustainable Jersey: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC): <http://WWW.ANJEC.ORG>

Clean Communities Council: [www.NJClean.org](http://www.NJClean.org) \_ 609-989-5900