

Waterford Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)

Minutes – August 17th, 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, Dave and Terri Chiddenton, Charles Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Salvatore Russomanno, Arthur Shaw
Liaison: Al Campbell

Green Team: Richard Casian

Roll Call: Craig Buffington, Pat Butenis, Rich Casian, Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Ed Paul, Art Shaw, Terri Chiddenton (arrived at 7:50)

Excused Members: Dennis LaMagna, Sal Russomanno, Al Campbell

2. Meeting Open to the Public: R. Yeatman mentioned the repaving of Jackson Rd., and asked if there was an update on the dam at Lady’s Lake.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from last Meeting: A motion was made by Charlie Damiani and seconded by Art Shaw. (while Craig Buffington and Ed Paul sustained). Minutes were approved

4. Clean Communities Report (T. Chiddenton): The Girl Scouts notified Terri that they were planning to do a clean-up of the Whispering Pines area on Aug. 21st. An updated twp. generated littering spreadsheet was distributed among the members.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison (Campbell): no report

6. Report from Planning Board Member (Russomanno): Although Sal was unable to attend the WTEC meeting, he forwarded the message that the properties that had been found in violation for harboring abandoned vehicles are beginning to comply in an attempt to avoid fines from the twp.

7. Old Business:

Map/Mailbox at Trailhead – Rich Casian reported that the map box was installed at the Marilyn Beard Trailhead. He was given a supply of Maple Island Trail maps to place within the box.

Fishing Tube Replacement - Craig Buffington explained that he has the Fishing Tube made (to replace the one that went “missing” at Atco Lake), but is waiting for the graphics to place on the tube.

Eagle Scout Presentation - Joey Casian is scheduled to appear at the Sept. 13th Twp. Meeting to review his Eagle Scout project with the Committee Members. The WTEC members agreed that we should show a presence, as well. We would then like to invite Joey to our WTEC Meeting, on Sept. 21st. This would be a good time for Joey to give us a copy of his project’s storm drain locations.

Trail Marking Project – This project will begin in September. T. Chiddenton asked Rich if he needs yellow markers, as the map indicates trails of this color. He will advise her if he needs them.

Mosquito Identification Update (Russomanno) – No movement has been made in this matter.

8. New Business:

“No – Mow Zone” Locations - Pat Butenis presented an initial “No – Mow Zone” map. These zones would allow milkweed to grow throughout the summer as a food source for the Monarch Butterfly caterpillars. Additional locations were also suggested by WTEC members. The idea of offering milkweed seeds (along with BTE pellets for mosquito eradication) at next year’s Spring Fling was

mentioned. Locations for the preservation of milkweed patches should be finalized in order to be approved by the Twp. Committee.

Event Dates – Our members decided last month that October 14th was the date for our Fall Clean-up and our second free shredding event. Terri mentioned that we need to think about a rain barrel – making date, as well. Ed Paul suggested that we have a few rain barrel kits available at the clean-up, and allow participants to either take the kits home, or sign up for a rain barrel – making event at a future date. The inclusion of all these activities may qualify as a “Green Event,” as Art Shaw proposed last month, which could be credited towards a Sustainable action.

National Night Out – Dave announced that the WTEC has been invited to participate in next year’s National Night Out. The members unanimously agreed to be included.

9. Sustainable Actions:

Craig explained that he requires a pledge from our Mayor in order to complete his “Healthy Community” action. Pat reported that the “Recycled Paper” and “Green Cleaning Products” requirements are costly, and hard to fulfill, but will continue to forge ahead with this action. Charlie Damiani is making progress with his “Firewise” action. He is holding meetings in our firehouse, is working with our Fire Chief, and sent an email to Lt. A. Wilson, in an attempt to include our Jr. Firefighters.

10. Comments from the Membership: Pat and Ed wondered if and when we might be able to open a recycling center. We know that the location would be on Columbia Ave., at the sand pit.

11. Meeting open to the Public: R. Yeatman offered to order another Audubon Society sign for the Marylin Beard Trailhead. He said he would also provide sources for barrels to be used during our rain barrel – making event.

12. Adjourn: Motion was made by Ed Paul and seconded by Charlie Damiani to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Next proposed meeting date Thursday, September 21st at 7:30 PM

[Minutes submitted by: T. Chiddenton]