

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

October 16th, 2014

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:36 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

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

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: After a slight change in the Clean Communities report, which was suggested by R. Yeatman, a motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by C. Damiani to approve the revised minutes from the September 11th meeting. Minutes were approved with one abstention from S. Harney, due to her absence.

4. Clean Communities Report: Although the Fall Town Clean-up had been rained out on both the original Oct. 4th date, and on the Oct. 11th rain date, T. Chiddenton reported that a few good things were accomplished. The December Electronics Collection had been advertised on the back of the Clean-up flyers, so now the public is notified of this upcoming event. R. Beswick and D. Chiddenton gathered 18 curbside T.V.s to be recorded by Goodwill. The Clementon Gun Club had access to the dumpster on their property, and since they never accept any tokens of appreciation for the many years of offering their facilities, we donated all our uneaten food to them. She asked the members to consider the possibility of discontinuing rain dates, as attendance during those days is usually slight. R. Yeatman also suggested that we move the Fall Clean-up to September, as the weather tends to be more stable at that time. Finally, T. Chiddenton mentioned that a tentative Spring Clean-up date should be after Honda Days at the racetrack, but should not be schedule on Easter weekend or the last Saturday of April, as that is the date of the Tapper-Hicks 5K Run.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman stated that the Township Administrator and Town Solicitor are making every effort to place the following Sustainable Jersey Actions as resolutions on the Oct. 21st Township Committee agenda: Anti- Idling Plan, Wildlife Action Plan, and Companion Animal Management Plan.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton announced that although the previous two Planning Board meetings had been canceled, the Oct. 21st meeting will be held to appraise several discussion items.

7. Old Business: D. Chiddenton mentioned that Goodwill might be eliminating the electronic collection portion of their services, but he will meet with Bob Haine to hopefully ensure their participation in our December event. E. Suriani and S. Harney suggested that Office Depot or The Salvation Army may be new sources to contact. A Vietnam Veteran endorsed service, PickUpPlease, has already been ruled out due to their many restrictions. D. Chiddenton then showed the members a list of 18 storm drains which he had stenciled, each documented with

its' own GPS location. The members agreed that the scouts should be contacted to continue this work. We then discussed a new goal of designing and ordering magnets which display our police telephone number and the NJDEP's hotline number, 1 877 WARNDEP, which will notify the Park Police of illegal dumping and/or ATV traffic in our wooded areas. We would then create flyers to hand out with the magnets, and distribute them to residents who live near forest access roads. Several members wondered if our DPW had the ability to make warning signs, which could be posted at the entrance of these access roads. Finally, the issue with the seasonal temps. may be resolved. The Business Administrator acknowledged that no valid Clean Communities work is possible when surfaces are snow covered, therefore, the temps. will have an unpaid leave of absence during such times.

8. New Business: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by S. Harney to purchase a pop - up tent for events such as our Town Clean-ups, Winter on the Ave. and Waterford Days. The members also approved the rental of a small generator so that we may have light and heat for Winter on the Ave. D. Chiddenton suggested that we develop a flyer that would list pertinent facts, such as recycling info., which could be sent out with the yearly tax bill. He thought that such information would be especially helpful for new residents, since a town "Welcome Wagon" no longer exists.

9. Sustainable Jersey: S. Harney reported that our town has 35 points registered with Sustainable Jersey, and another 30 points will be eligible upon the passage of the 3 aforementioned resolutions which will be on the Oct. 21st township agenda. D. Chiddenton will begin the Driver Training Action and C. Damiani will assist with the inventory list. If these actions are added to data from the town's Prescription Drug Collection, we could possibly earn 35 more points, bringing the total to 105. We will also receive credit if our DPW displays signage containing recycling information.

10. Comments from Membership: E. Suriani complimented the commission members on the amount of work they are accomplishing. R. Yeatman questioned the whereabouts of the moldy tote bags found in a township trailer, and was told that they have been discarded. He advised that we order new bags at least 3 months in advance for distribution next year.

11. Meeting Open to Public: None present

12. R. Beswick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by C. Damiani. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

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