

Waterford Township Environmental Commission Minutes

November 20th, 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, Art Shaw, Eva Suriani Li-
aision: Rick Yeatman Absent: Julia Levoch-Day, Sal Russomanno Excused: Sarah Harney

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by C. Damiani to approve the minutes from the October 16th meeting. Minutes were approved, with one abstention from A. Shaw, due to his absence.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Cub Scouts were paid for their 4th and final Adopt-a-Road clean-up on Oct. 26th of Fernwood Ave. The Loudon Volunteer Firehouse performed their 1st Adopt-a-Road clean-up on Nov. 11th of Jackson Rd., which is not eligible for a payment. Lastly, the Waterford B.O.E. approved 2 environmentally educational assemblies by Dave Street on Earth Day, which is April 22nd, 2015.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman mentioned that one of the town's large dump trucks is having mechanical issues, which is unfortunate, since it tows a sizeable leaf machine and also carries a salt spreader during snow events.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton stated that an application was reviewed for the construction of an in-law suite onto a private residence. E. Toussaint met with the Pinelands Commission in regards to development on Haines Blvd. The Pinelands Commission requested to see tentative plans, which do not exist at this time. The Planning Board agreed that Waterford should hire a municipal planner for situations such as this.

7. Old Business: D. Chiddenton reached out to several municipalities and vendors in hopes of finding a replacement for Goodwill as an electronic recycler. He will contact TAB in Berlin, as the other vendors will not accept our electronics without a charge. Suggestions from members included contacting a Goodwill from Pa., asking computer and T.V. businesses to take them, purchasing a used trailer for storage and delivery to county recycling events, or persuading A. Wade to accept them at a discount. We have a recycling event scheduled for Dec. 27th. We may need to ask permission to pay a DPW employee to man the lift gate truck during the event, although the electronic trailer at DPW is already full. We all agreed that we must continue this valuable service, as we have collected over 20 tons of electronics from our residents within the last two years. A canopy tent has been ordered for Winter on the Ave. and other township events which the Environmental Commission attends. A generator will be rented for Winter on the Ave., as well. These expenditures were pre-approved by the Township Administrator. A motion was made by A. Shaw and seconded by C. Damiani that Township Solicitor, D. Patterson, be approached for permission so that the WTEC may display two N.J.DEF posters. These posters of convicted illegal dumping offenders would be displayed during various environmental functions, at the request of several noted environmental organizations, including the N.J.DEF. The motion was unanimously approved. S. Harney and R. Yeatman

are working on flyers and magnets which will inform residents of pertinent information for the prevention of illegal dumping. We have been advised that our DPW has the ability to provide us with 12X18 NO DUMPING signs to be placed at forest access roads within our township. D. Chiddenton provided the members with a list of 50 storm drains, which have been stenciled and whose GPS locations have been recorded. C. Buffington confirmed that the boy scouts would be interested in finishing the project. R. Yeatman acknowledged that Mount Construction, located in Berlin, has vacuum trucks, which could possibly be utilized to clean the drains internally next year. The Township Administrator has approved our input on developing a "Welcome Packet" for new residents. This will become one of our many goals for 2015. Lastly, the Clean Communities budget is being used appropriately on leaf collection overtime, which has been useful in keeping our leaf pickup on schedule.

8. New Business: S. Harney and D. Chiddenton met with Chris Waldron, the Director of Sustainability, on Nov. 12th to discuss the likelihood of certification. After reviewing completed actions, Mr. Waldron stated that Waterford Twp. could quite likely be approved by Sustainable Jersey. They then attended a workshop on Open Space Grant Writing, which was hosted by ANJEC. They were informed that projects which have been rejected in the past would most likely be rejected again. R. Yeatman advised the membership that approved grants from other towns should be emulated in order to have our own grants approved. On a final note, the term of five commission members and alternates will expire next month. All five members who wish to be reappointed to the Environmental Commission must write a letter of intent to D. Chiddenton, who will then submit these letters to the Town Committee for approval.

9. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton asked about providing recycling buckets for the municipal building. D. Chiddenton offered to obtain two buckets from our DPW. C. Damiani researched the cost of advertising future WTEC events in the WIRE circular.

10. Meeting Open to Public: None present

11. A. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by R. Beswick. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Next Meeting: December 18th at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

