

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

July 17, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:31 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

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

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 June 19th meeting. Minutes were approved with two abstentions from S. Harney and A. Shaw, due to their absences.

4. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Sierra Club completed their 4th clean-up of the year, which qualified them for their final Adopt-a-Spot payment.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman reported that the township is on target for the water tower repair, and that we may qualify for a grant to help cover some of the repair costs. A renewed investigation of the water contamination at the previous "Custom Craft Cleaners" site is underway, with the intention of identifying the extent of both water and soil pollutants, thereby facilitating the remediation of this contamination.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton stated that due to the fact there had been no new applications, the Planning Board once again canceled their meeting. However, there will be an application for the Aug. 5th meeting.

7. Old Business: Justin Day's Eagle Scout letter, which states approval from the WTEC for his bat house project, has been submitted to the Eagle Scout Board and Town Committee for approval. The deadline for the placement of the bat houses is October, although Justin hopes to have them installed before the end of August. With regards to the Clean Communities Grant monies, D. Chiddenton reported that despite expenditures for the seasonal temps., an ample amount remains in the account. At this point, R. Beswick reiterated a question that has been asked many times by members in the past, "Where are the winter timesheets for justification of Clean Communities payment during January and February?" R. Yeatman replied that he would look into this once more. R. Beswick reported on his progress with the ERI/NRI, stating that DVRPC is the most reasonable in price, although the \$10,000 starting fee is still a bit hefty. R. Yeatman stated that we could spread this project over a period of several years, but it would be wise to get it started. D. Chiddenton added that not only could an ERI/NRI be partially funded by grants, but it would save costs on future construction site studies. The members all agreed that contacting other environmental commissions would be helpful in order to learn their

procedures for obtaining ERI's/NRI's and the effectiveness of their Green Teams. We should start with Dan Bachalais and Ed Hale, who are chairs of their Environmental Commissions and Sustainable Hammonton and Sustainable Voorhees Twp., respectively. D. Chiddenton also plans to speak to the chairperson of the Planning Board during their August meeting for his input on the subject. We have not received storm drain worksheets, as of yet, which would indicate the locations of drains recently cleaned. D. Chiddenton presented information on a street sweeper/drain vacuum which was available for rent or purchase. We were reminded to keep E. Suriani updated on curbside electronics so that she can revise her spreadsheet, which then, in turn, would be submitted to M. Mickelsavage and E. Toussaint.

8. New Business: T. Chiddenton announced that the application for the WTEC to attend Waterford Twp. Day, on Sept. 20th, has been submitted. It was suggested that we have literature for the disposal of electronics, hazardous waste, and prescription drugs available as handouts for this event. We would also have flyers which promote joining the Green Team available. T. Chiddenton made a motion, which A. Shaw seconded, to establish Oct. 4th as the date for our Fall Town Clean-up. This, along with Waterford Twp. Days, would be posted on our facebook page, once we have the Clementon Gun Club's permission.

9. Sustainable Jersey: S. Harney explained the requirements for achieving the "Bronze Level" of suggested Sustainable actions. Once Waterford Twp. is recognized at this level, we are then eligible to apply for grants. All members were assigned actions (which are listed in detail on the Sustainable Jersey website) that need to be completed by September.

10. Comments from Membership: D. Chiddenton stated that he has been in touch with the Vice-President of Goodwill, who assured him that he would track down our electronics tonnage from the Spring Town Clean-up. T. Chiddenton expressed gratification at the fact that ANJEC has been commenting on events posted on our facebook page. She reminded the membership that the August meeting will be a special one, with Michael Hogan, Chris Waldron, Rob Auermuller, and a few representatives from the Pineland Preservation Alliance attending. She suggested that all WTEC members attend, as well.

11. Meeting Open to Public: none present

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

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

Next Meeting: August 21st at 7:30 P.M.