

## Waterford Township Environmental Commission

### September 11, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:33 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

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

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by A. Shaw to approve the minutes from the August 21st meeting. Minutes were approved with an abstention from J. Levoch-Day, who was absent.

4. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that all free materials from the DEP and ordered materials from Oriental Trading and Amazon.com, which will be used as hand-outs for Waterford Twp. Day, have arrived and are ready for dispersal.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman reported that the DPW garage has passed the first phase of inspection, and has been granted its' C.O. for use of the bays. He also stated that the township is advertising for bids, once again, for repair of the local water and sewer infrastructure.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton stated that due to the fact that there had been no new applications, the Planning Board once again canceled their meeting.

7. Old Business: Justin Day presented pictures of his completed "bat house" Eagle Scout project. This project included the construction and placement of 20 bat houses within the boundaries of 6 township retention basins. R. Yeatman suggested that the WTEC write a Letter of Completion to be signed by D. Chiddenton and himself for submission to the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Justin thanked the commission for the assistance that we have provided. In regards to Sustainable Jersey, E. Suriani and D. Chiddenton reported that they had completed their "major" actions, whereas S. Harney had several smaller actions finished. S. Russomanno's efforts are near completion. Further work includes the passing of related resolutions by the Town Committee and commission members assigning themselves another small action. The act of stenciling storm drains has been approved. The town is now looking into a shared service agreement with Hammonton for the purpose of borrowing a catch basin cleaner. We will request an ongoing report of work completed by the seasonal temps. in order to assure proper appropriation of the Clean Communities Grant. Commission members were asked to attend the Waterford Twp. Day event on Sept. 20th, and agreed to ask S. Danson to call for dumpsters for our Fall Town Clean-up on Oct. 4th. T. Chiddenton will deliver flyers for the clean-up to our three schools.

8. New Business: The date of Dec. 27th was approved as the "Electronics/Household Goods" collection date by Goodwill at the municipal parking lot. Members suggested that this event be advertised in "The Wire," on signs throughout the town, on the T.V. cable station, and on the back of the clean-up flyers. S. Danson will permit us to purchase additional signs, since we have none for this particular event. On another note, Jack Sworaski notified D. Chiddenton of the tonnage report from the May 17th Hazardous Waste Collection, which amounted to 22,186 lbs. of waste materials. R. Yeatman mentioned that there is a need to replace trash receptacles on Atco Ave., and cigarette receptacles at Town Hall, therefore, a motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by C. Damiani to place the purchase of these receptacles on our list of goals for 2015. We also agreed to postpone efforts to advertise ways in which to report illegal dumping and ATV traffic in our forest until after our clean-up. E. Suriani volunteered to make a poster on this subject for display at both Waterford Twp. Days and at the Fall Clean-up.

9. Comments from Membership: R. Yeatman informed the commission that a large number of previously purchased tote bags, which are given out at various environmental events, have developed mold and mildew due to a leak in their storage space. We agreed that we have enough for the remainder of this year, but must look into purchasing more bags next year. E. Suriani inquired about starting and assisting with a summer fitness club, perhaps through the help of the Recreation Advisory Committee. This club would not only be beneficial to our residents, but would also count towards Sustainable Jersey requirements. The commission is still awaiting a PowerPoint presentation, detailing a class trip taken over a year ago, on the tall ship, The A. J. Meerwald, from D. Bittner. T. Chiddenton has reminded him several times, and has been assured that the presentation will be completed soon, but is pleased to hear that Mr. Bittner is also planning a "school garden," which will count towards sustainability, as well.

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 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

**Next Meeting: October 16th, at 7:30 P.M.**