

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

April 16th, 2015 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:40 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Craig Buffington, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Julia Levoch-Day, Sal Russomanno, Eva Suriani Liaison: Dave Chiddenton Excused: Sarah Harney, Art Shaw

2. Meeting Open to Public: none present

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by E. Suriani to approve the minutes from the March 19th meeting. Minutes were approved with abstentions from R. Beswick and Julia Levoch-Day, due to their absences.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that Al Horner, on behalf of Rob Auermuller, notified her that there will be a group meeting at the Atsion Rangers' Station on Sat. 25th for the purpose of blocking trails to ATV traffic off of Chew Rd. She recommended that some of our members attend this event as an act of solidarity to the DEP. She also announced that she would attend the Dave Street assemblies on Earth Day to announce the T-shirt winners, and to give out thank-you letters (which all the commission members signed) to the classes that participated. She also reminded the members that the three students who won will be announced at the televised Twp. Meeting on May 13th and the B.O.E. Meeting on May 20th. E. Suriani suggested that we display the designs on our Facebook page next year and allow residents to vote for the winners on Facebook.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton reminded the members that there will be a Camden County hazardous waste pick-up at the parking lot of Raritan and Atco Aves. on May 16th. He also stated that the water tower is well under repair, and should be back on line within the next 2 - 3 weeks. Regrettably, the Pinelands Commission has not followed through on their demands of Myers' Junkyard since January.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: Although the last Planning Board meeting was canceled, R. Beswick reported that the church/school that has shown interest in building on the White Horse Pike has just resubmitted their application due to a favorable response from the Pinelands Commission.

7. Old Business: The "Illegal Dumping" magnets, along with the corresponding flyers, and extra WTEC business cards were handed out to commission members. Suggested streets, which lead into forest access roads, were assigned to each member, along with a reminder that members should work in teams when visiting residents. D. Chiddenton reported that the DPW's "No Dumping" signs will be ready for installation as soon as the final leaf collection is finished. The Spring Town Clean-up flyers were handed out to the students in all three schools. D. Chiddenton and R. Beswick volunteered to post the signs for the clean-up, and T. Chiddenton will go to B.J.'s for the supplies. The members agreed to provide a spot on the sign-in sheet for participants to grant permission for WTEC events' notification through e-mail. E. Suriani would like to make a flyer describing a "Weekend Walk" program, which she would like to begin (as a result of a Sustainable Jersey action she wrote), to be handed out at the clean-up, as well. The

membership agreed to ask Susan Danson to facilitate the removal of our old, outdated web-site in order to link our Facebook page to the township website.

8. New Business: A motion was made by S. Russomanno and seconded by R. Beswick to inquire about the inclusion of the Environmental Commission in the Memorial Day parade. We hope to have a fairly large number of clean-up participants (wearing the T-shirt Contest shirts) walking with the commission members at the parade. We will survey the participants at the May 2nd clean-up to see if there is an interest in the parade. Meanwhile, T. Chiddenton will ask the American Legion if they would approve this idea. Although the Fishing Tournament would not occur until June 20th, we thought we would begin looking for sponsors for the event. The Print Shop, which was the company that donated certificates to us last year, announced that they would be willing to do the same for us again this year. The membership agreed to begin advertising the tournament at the beginning of June.

9. Sustainable Jersey: Most members are working on new actions to move the town towards Silver Level Certification. E. Suriani asked if we could have a Summer Activity Program at perhaps Loudon or Ritter Field. This program would coincide with an action she had written last year. T. Chiddenton suggested we table this idea until next month in order to dedicate a section of the agenda to its discussion. Those members who attended the Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level plaque presentation at the April 8th Township Meeting thought it went very well.

10. Comments from Membership: C. Damiani will continue to call the Camden County Open Space Committee to inquire about their meeting dates. C. Buffington stated that he had several scouts lined up to assist with the storm drain stenciling project on April 18th. D. and T. Chiddenton briefly explained a rain barrel workshop that they attended at Whitesbog Village on March 21st.

11. Meeting Open to Public: None present

12. E. Suriani made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by S. Russomanno. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton