

## Waterford Township Environmental Commission

### July 16th, 2015 Minutes

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

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Sarah Harney, Art Shaw

Liaison: Dave Chiddenton

Excused: Craig Buffington, Sal Russomanno, Eva Suriani

Absent: Julia Levoch-Day

2. Meeting Open to Public: Rick Yeatman was present, and added to the meeting's discussions.
3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by R. Beswick to approve the minutes from the June 18th meeting. Minutes were approved, with abstentions from S. Harney and A. Shaw, due to their absences.
4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton was pleased to report that both the N.J. DEP and M. Hogan have paid considerable compliments to our commission. The DEP would like to use our "Illegal Dumping" magnets throughout the state, and M. Hogan is using our commission as an example for other environmental commissions to emulate. On a more somber note, she also informed the members that the War Memorial Committee has presented her with over a year's worth of unpaid clean-ups. The members agreed that we should wait to hear if Clean Communities approves payment of these clean-ups, and then proceed accordingly.
5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton reported that the brush from the June 23<sup>rd</sup> storm is being deposited at our licensed pit, where a tub grinder from Riverfront will process the brush in order for the township to claim it for the recycling grant. The old mulch site at Raritan & 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets will be reopened for the residents to collect wood chips. The Mosquito Commission has been called to examine several properties in town with abandoned pools. A. Shaw questioned if the Summer Temps. would be cutting the town's retention ponds, but this job is assigned to the paid lawn service contractors. In regards to Meyers' Auto Yard, the original owner's son has filed for an extension for the deadline to remove debris from unapproved land. The extension was approved, as the son has been making good progress with the removal. Lastly, the township will be replacing their Licensed Sewer Operator.
6. Report from Planning Board Member: R. Beswick announced that the Planning Board has approved the building of a new garage and a pole barn on the Old White Horse Pike. The Tuckahoe Turf Farm contract will be approved upon language change, which would include Waterford's interests along with those of Hammonton.

7. Old Business: T. Chiddenton explained that the Fishing Tournament Presentation went well, although more commission members should have attended. R. Beswick stated that the businesses that received certificates were very pleased with the quality and design of the certificates.

8. New Business: The WTCEA has requested that the WTEC sponsor their upcoming Waterford Twp. Day, which is being held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by S. Harney to approve the \$50 sponsorship fee for both Waterford Twp. Day and Winter on the Ave., both of which the WTEC will be attending. T. Chiddenton announced that she would like to submit an application for an ANJEC award for our commission, but explained that we cannot use the “Illegal Dumping” project, since it was funded by an ANJEC grant. R. Yeatman suggested that we use the Fishing Tournament for the award. R. Beswick made a motion to approve this suggestion, which was seconded by A. Shaw.

9. Sustainable Assignments: E. Suriani/R. Beswick - “Holding a Green Fair”

C. Buffington/R. Yeatman - “Community/School Gardens”

D. Chiddenton/C. Damiani – “Inventory & Upgrade of all Buildings”

T. Chiddenton/S. Russomanno – “Supporting Local Businesses”

A. Shaw/S. Harney – “Diversity on Boards & Commissions”

Members were asked to have their actions completed or near completion by the August meeting.

10. Comments from Membership: R. Beswick commented on the demanding DPW workload as a result from our June storm. He personally thanks the workers, and gives them water whenever possible. D. Chiddenton mentioned that he and R. Beswick are attending a “Pinelands Orientation” dinner on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will be sponsored by the Pinelands Commission.

11. Meeting Open to Public: R. Yeatman added that the Summer Temps. are working diligently, as well, and that our municipal buildings had very little damage from the storm.

12. C. Damiani made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by R. Beswick. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

**Next Meeting: August 20th at 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

