

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

February 18th, 2016 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:34 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members: Present: Rich Beswick, Terri and Dave Chiddenton, Sal Russomanno, Art Shaw
Green Team Members: Rich Casian, Dennis LaMagna, Rick Yeatman Liaison: Al Campbell
Excused: Jon Becker, Craig Buffington, Charlie Damiani, Julia Levoch-Day

2. Meeting Open to Public: Ed Paul attended and added to conversations throughout the meeting.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by A. Shaw to approve the minutes from the January 21st meeting. Minutes were approved.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton announced that M. Mickelsavage forwarded a list which recorded 248 hours of Clean Communities related work accomplished from the 1st of the year. This work included 32 hours of snow removal, brush/Christmas tree, metal, and electronics removals, and the collection of 243 pounds of trash. She also questioned the members on their opinion of holding another T-shirt contest, in which students in all three schools would design an environmental logo; and the WTEC's involvement in the town's Spring Fling on May 21st. A. Shaw made a motion to approve both activities, which was seconded by R. Beswick. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: A. Campbell reported that three WTEC-related resolutions were passed by the Twp. Committee. They were: 2016-81 – the approval of D. Chiddenton as the WTEC chairperson, 2016-91 – the approval of T. Chiddenton submitting the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants application, and 2016-92 – the authorization of our new Green Team members.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: Although the most recent Planning Board meeting was canceled, the actions taken during the previous meeting consisted of the twp.'s approval to vacate and divide the end of Maple Ave. between adjacent neighboring properties, rather than holding onto it as a paper road. They also approved a variance to permit a "Canine Camp" on the White Horse Pike. D. Chiddenton attended a Pinelands Commission meeting earlier in the day to witness their approval of the shared agreement between Hammonton and Waterford Twp. to use the Tuckahoe Turf Farm for soccer tournaments.

7. Old Business: R. Yeatman had discovered that the twp. held no paperwork which approved the race-track's removal of over 17 acres of forestry on their property. He will now check with the DEP. D. Chiddenton forwarded E. Toussaint's list of vacant properties to all WTEC members. T. Chiddenton announced that she applied to the Tree Recovery Campaign for several hundred seedlings. The pickup date will be on April 15th in Sewell. R. Casian offered to look for suitable areas in which the cub scouts can plant the seedlings for their forestry badges.

8. New Business: T. Chiddenton explained that she had just submitted a \$10,000 grant application to Sustainable Jersey for the purpose of cleaning and labeling the town's storm drains. D. Chiddenton polled the members as to their thoughts on purchasing 250 business cards and a banner which would identify the commission during town events. S. Russomanno made a motion to approve the purchases, which was

seconded by A. Shaw. Both R. Beswick and D. Chiddenton will attend a meeting with ARH staff on Feb. 23rd to ascertain if a Camden County Grant Fund would cover the cost for ARH to create an ERI for the twp. We would earn 20 action points towards our Silver Certification with an ERI. T. Chiddenton suggested that we hold our Spring Town Clean-up on April 16th, since we will be picking up the seedlings just the day before. Although the scouts will be planting a few dozen, there will still be over a hundred seedlings to hand out to clean-up participants. It was decided that the clean-up flyer would advertise the availability of the seedlings, and that we should have planting instructions to be given along with the seedlings. The clean-up rain date would be the following Saturday, April 23rd. The 23rd is also a Michael Hogan clean-up. He has organized the South Jersey Land & Water Trust, the PPA, and volunteers from the Wharton State Forest to clean the area near the Marilyn Beard Trailhead (Burnt Mill Rd.) and areas behind the Atco Raceway. We hope to participate in this clean-up, as well.

9. Workshops and Seminars: As was stated previously, D. Chiddenton attended the Pinelands Commission meeting earlier in the day, and plans to attend the Camden County Open Space meeting, which is held on the last Thursday of each month. C. Damiani will learn additional commission information at the ANJEC Environmental Training seminar on March 5th.

10. Comments from Membership: D. Chiddenton plans to approach the Twp. Committee for Sustainable Jersey action resolutions. He will then present the Green Team with actions at our March meeting. We hope to find the status of the Rotary Park gazebo by the March meeting, as well. D. LaMagna asked for clarification on the Adopt-a-Road Program for the Knights of Columbus. A. Campbell relayed information about the Owens Corning ground water contamination situation to the newer members. R. Yeatman mentioned an advertisement he saw on T.V. for inexpensive video cameras, and wondered if we should purchase a few for our "Illegal Dumping" campaign. D. Chiddenton reminded the members that we have no jurisdiction in the placement of cameras for any purpose.

11. Meeting Open to Public: E. Paul had nothing more to add.

12. S. Russomanno made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by R. Beswick. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Next Meeting: March 17th at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton