

TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JUNE 14, 2018

Vice Chairperson, Pat Everson called the regular meeting of The Tuckerton Environmental Commission to order on Thursday, JUNE 14 2018 at the Borough Hall.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** “Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with as notice was published to the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press, stating the time, date and place of this meeting.”

**The following members of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission were in attendance:**

Cynthia Coritz, Pat Everson, Nedeane Maddox, Robert Rue, Nicole Babcock

Pat Everson led the flag salute

Cynthia joined our meeting at 7:14 pm

**MINUTES:**

Pat Everson moved, seconded by Nedeane Maddox, that the MAY 10, 2018 meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 7:15 PM.

Robert Rue abstained, as he was absent for the May meeting.

**IN- KIND HOURS:**

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the month MAY 2018 are as follows: Environmental Commission recognizes their members’ donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Robert Rue	6.0	Pat Everson	3.5
Cynthia Coritz	2.5	Nedeane Maddox	3.0
Nicole Babcock	3.0		

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nedean Maddox informed members there is currently a bill in the House of Representatives that is pursuing the entire state of NJ for a plastic bags ban.

Jersey City charges 20 cents per bag.

Pat Everson reported that most of the stores in the Manahawkin area are pleased with the No plastic bags rule.

TEC members will ask our Council liaison, Sam Colangelo to reach out to Senator Connors on the status of reviewing the "plastic bag ban".

Cynthia Coritz emailed members a copy of the Township Council of Teaneck, NJ ordinance for establishments to collect a pass through charge from customers requesting disposable plastic check out bags. The result was adopted by consent vote.

Nicole Babcock informed members that we were approved to set up an "Outreach Table" at the Decoy Show. This will show TEC awareness and our focus on the plastic solution. We will relate our "clean-waters" efforts and invite recruits for our November clean up. We may discuss the Adopt-a-Highway project and our accomplishments. We will need persons to sign up to staff the table, hand out recycle flyers and re-usable straws. Nicole will attempt to attain these handouts from the Ocean County Recycle Department and also Barnegat Bay Partnership, suggested by Nedean Maddox. Stickers, and magnets, pencils, etc. may also be available by these agencies.

The Barnegat Bay Blitz was on June 8th, however, TEC was not informed in a timely manner. Nicole stated she would have participated, had she known.

Cynthia shared an e-mail from Councilman liaison, Sam Colangelo that our next clean up date of July 14th at 8:30 AM has been approved. Robert Rue encouraged participants to bring along a 5 gallon jug of water, instead of plastic bottles. We were also approved for a two-sided color recycling flyer for a town mailing.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

"The Plastic Ocean", is a movie currently being shown locally in the LBI area. Nicole Babcock made a suggestion to have an outdoor screening at the Tip Seaman Park. The movie is scheduled for Beach Haven Municipal Park on June 21st, Harvey Cedars on July 12th, LBI foundation on July 19th, and in Ship Bottom on August 15th, as a drive-in.

Cynthia Coritz reported to members that Jean from the LEH Environmental Group attended a "Green Drinks" meeting and related to Cynthia that Little Egg Harbor would like to partner with Tuckerton for a movie showing; we may coordinate a schedule.

Robert Rue made a motion, seconded by Pat Everson to approach the Borough to consider the expenditure for the outdoor screening of the movie from the TEC budget. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the TEC at 7:30 PM.

Pat Everson made a motion for our next Adopt-a-Highway clean up be scheduled on July 14th, Nicole Babcock seconded the motion. All in Favor. Aye Motion Carried.

Members discussed meeting at the DeMarco Dental Office on Route #9. Pat Everson agreed to be the sign up contact. Volunteers will be required to view the on-line 8 minute video prior to their participation. Cynthia Coritz agreed to place an event announcement post the Tuckerton Face Book page.

Members agreed to hold a third clean-up in September and the fourth in November.

### **MEMBERS FORUM:**

Nedean Maddox made a motion to place a copy of the county's recycling flyer with the Borough's tax bill. The Borough agreed to make the color flyer; Nicole Babcock seconded the motion. All in Favor. Aye. Motion Carried.

Members discussed the placement status of the crab sign we approved at last month's meeting.

Nedean Maddox, also the Chairperson for the Waterways Commission, explained the Living Shore Line Project, breakwater, and replenishment. There was a discussion of enlarging the beach area.

Cynthia announced the offering of a summer Pinelands Short Course.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Cynthia will contact Jean of LEH Environmental Commission to coordinate the movie schedule.

Cynthia will e-mail Councilman, Sam Colangelo regarding the status of Senator Connor's review of the plastic ban ordinance.

Cynthia will place an event announcement for the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up July 14th and ask Councilman COlangelo to confirm his attendance for that date.

**PUBLIC:**

None

**INVOICE :**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Nicole Babcock that the invoice in the amount of \$75 for secretarial services for the month of JUNE 2018 be paid to Secretary Susan Maguire. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental COMmission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Pat Everson moved, seconded by Robert Rue that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:40 PM

All voted Aye.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary  
Tuckerton Environmental Commission