

**Tuckerton Environmental Commission**

Thursday, March 14, 2019  
Tuckerton Borough Complex  
420 East Main Street  
Tuckerton

Cynthia called the Tuckerton Environmental Commission meeting to order on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:22 PM in borough hall.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: *“Provisions of the open public meeting act have been complied with, as notice was published to the Beacon and Asbury Park Press, stating the time, date, and place of this meeting.”*

**Roll Call / Attendance**

Cynthia Coritz	X	Nedean Maddox	X
Robert Rue	A	Nicole Babcock	A
Pat Everson	X	Sam Colangelo, Liaison	A

Cynthia led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the January 2019 meeting of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission were circulated, but not voted on or approved, as a quorum of members present at that meeting was not present tonight. Revisit at April meeting.

Logged Hours: Landmarks Commission recognizes their member’s donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of the monthly meetings and available workshops / seminars for the month of February through March, 2019.

Cynthia Coritz	6	Nedean Maddox	15
Robert Rue	A	Nicole Babcock	A
Pat Everson	2		

**Old Business**

Jersey Friendly Yards event March 5, 2019 -

Pat Everson reported on this event which was held at Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve. She said it was well attended and focused on non-invasive plantings recommended for Jersey shore gardens: why, how and where to use native plants.

Outreach table-

It was mentioned previously that perhaps we could have outreach table at local events such as events at the Seaport, 4th of July, etc. No updates this month; anyone else with knowledge of local events may email a list to Jennie.

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup-

The Cleanup scheduled for Sunday, March 10th was postponed due to inclement weather. The new dates are Saturday, April 27 (rain date 4/28); Saturday, May 25th (rain date 5/26); a TENTATIVE date for

August 17th (8/18 rain date) and November 2nd (rain date 11/3). Participants will meet at Borough Hall at 8:30am on these dates.

Recycling presentation by John Bethanis at January Environmental Commission meeting- Nedeane spoke about this informative presentation by Tuckerton's recycling coordinator and reminded everyone about the app now available from the town website that reminds you of recycling dates, holiday schedules and what is and is not recyclable in our town, and where to recycle items not eligible for curbside pickup.

#### New Business

Cynthia was contacted by Jean Moore from the LEH Green Team, who invited her to a planning meeting on March 12, looking to partner on a recycling event. Cynthia was unable to attend, but will get more information for the April meeting. Green Team meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm.

Sam Colangelo sent a link to an RFP through Jersey Friendly Yards for stewardship grants available through ANJEC. The deadline for the RFP is April 15, with various opportunities for suitable projects. Various projects were discussed, but in the end the Commission decided that there was not enough time to pinpoint a project and complete the RFP prior to deadline.

Sustainable NJ: Nedeane reminded the Commission that while it isn't necessary to achieve Bronze level this year, the Commission must commit to a project and submit a report to accumulate points this year and maintain our status.

#### Members Forum

Cynthia announced that Vice Chair Nicole Babcock resigned from the Commission due to work and school commitments. She read Nicole's letter of resignation. Nicole has reached out to Nedeane to offer her full access to the Commission Facebook page. Cynthia will respond to her message and give her the rescheduled clean-up dates, as she asked to be kept in the loop about community involvement opportunities.

Pat asked what we can do to spread the word that the Environmental Commission is looking for members. Nedeane will put a notice on the Facebook page and reach out to Carol Keen, since she expressed interest at the All Boards meeting. Cynthia will create a notice and send to Jennie for the Borough website page, also.

#### Public Forum

None

#### Approval of Secretary Services

A motion to pay the Commission Secretary, Jennifer McEwan, for service in the month of March 2019 was made by Pat, and seconded by Nedeane. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### Adjournment-

Pat motioned to adjourn, Nedeane seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McEwan, Tuckerton Environmental Commission Secretary