

TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JULY 12, 2018

Vice Chairperson, Pat Everson called the regular meeting of The Tuckerton Environmental Commission to order on Thursday, JULY 12, 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:**

Pat Everson, Nedeane Maddox, Nicole Babcock, Robert Rue  
Cynthia Coritz is absent this evening.

Pat Everson led the flag salute

**MINUTES:**

Nicole Babcock moved, seconded by Nedeane Maddox, that the JUNE 14,, 2018 meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 7:15 PM.

**IN- KIND HOURS:**

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the month JUNE 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	2.0	Pat Everson	5.0
Cynthia Coritz		Nedean Maddox	3.0
Nicole Babcock	3.0		

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Pat Everson asked to confirm attendance for the Adopt-a-Highway clean up on Saturday, July 14th, 2018. Nicole Babcock acknowledged she watched the video, and she will be participating. Nedean, Pat, and Councilman, Sam Colangelo also confirmed. Pat Everson informed she has checked with the Police Department and related if possible, they were be at the site.

Councilman Colangelo informed he will retrieve all our necessary supplies and will also provide paper cups and gallons of water for drinking if the members approved. All stated they were grateful for his contribution.

Members will meet at the Borough Complex at 8:30 AM. Councilman Colangelo agreed to be the “safety person”. The Complex will be open for use of the restrooms. Pat advised volunteers to check for ticks after the clean-up. They will begin their work on the shady side of the road.

Nedean Maddox sent an e-mail to members of the copy of the bill that is before the governor, that acknowledged money collected for disbursement of plastic bags will be put in account for a general fund designated to help schools. It is not yet voted upon.

Councilman Colangelo informed the “recycling” enclosure will be mailed with the tax bills. This has been confirmed by the Borough.

Robert Rue informed the movie, “Plastic Ocean” is showing tonight in Harvey Cedars; he will talk to the people who are showing the moving to learn the availability to obtain a copy to show at the Seaport. Councilman Colangelo related there is an audio visual system being installed at the Borough Complex, capable of all types of presentations that will be soon available.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nicole Babcock informed members she had a contact at Eagleswood for the clean-up at Stafford Forge. She will be attending their meeting on July 24th at the town hall.

## **MEMBERS FORUM:**

Members discussed native plants vs. indigenous plants. Robert Rue reported that the Environmental Commission can provide guidance but cannot create an ordinance which plants cannot be used, only suggesting those types environmentally friendly.

August meeting will be rescheduled. Date to be announced.

Nicole Babcock announced she has sent e-mails to the Barnegat Bay Partnership, Reclaim the Bay, and to Ocean County Recycling, Sustainable Jersey for requesting materials for our table at the Decoy Show.

Councilman Colangelo acknowledged to members that the Borough administrator agreed to make 2,500 copies of a color flyer, 2-sided, of the "recycling" insertion with the Borough tax bills.

Councilman Colangelo presented an update on the "Crab Sign". The Rutgers active group will be placing signs at Scowl, Bartlet, and Willow Landing. They will monitor its usage and follow through with reports. They will install tamper proof screws.

Update on the monofilament fishing line. The Eagle Scout who attended our TEC meeting last year has not followed through with this project. Members have been UNable to contact him. Councilman Colangelo suggested inquiring of our Public Works Department for their assistance with installing this waste project at no cost to the Borough.

Councilman Colangelo reported he has viewed many dog walkers using the doggie waste bags. Robert Rue acknowledged the same, and agreed this project has improved our community.

## **ACTION ITEMS:---summary**

Adopt-a-Highway clean up: Saturday, July 14, 2018

"A Plastic Ocean" movie-follow up for availability showing in Tuckerton

'Monofilament' project--on hold until Chairperson Cynthia Coritz may input

"CRAB" sign-reviewed

'Stafford Forge' clean up--Nicole Babcock gave update, will attend meeting in Eagleswood.

**PUBLIC:**

Councilman, liaison, Sam Colangelo is in attendance.

Councilman Colangelo distributed copies of Environmental topic related documents.

'Plastic by the numbers' identifying the type of plastic used for projects. Not all plastics are recyclable or reusable.

Major NJ 2017 Environmental Legislation/Developments--amendment of the state constitution dedicating the use of state environmental natural resource damage settlement funds only for environmental restoration purposes which was approved by state voters.

**INVOICE:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Robert Rue to approve the invoice of \$75 to Susan Maguire for secretarial services for the month of JULY 2018 It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Tuckerton Environmental Commission members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Robert Rue moved, second by Nicole Babcock, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Maguire, Secretary  
Tuckerton Environmental Commission

