

TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MARCH 8, 2018

Chairperson, Cynthia Coritz, called the regular meeting of The Tuckerton Environmental Commission to order on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

SUNSHINE 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, Nedeane Maddox, Pat Everson, Nicole Babcock

Welcome New Member, Nicole Babcock!

Robert Rue is absent this evening

REORGANIZATION:

Pat Everson made a motion to nominate Cynthia Coritz as the Chairperson for the Tuckerton Environmental Commission, Nedeane Maddox seconded the motion. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 7:10 PM

Cynthia Coritz led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Cynthia Coritz reviewed several corrections to the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Nedeane Maddox moved, seconded by Pat Everson, that the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes be approved with changes. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 7:15.

IN- KIND HOURS:

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the months of JAN and FEB 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		Pat Everson	3.5
Nedean Maddox	3.0	Cynthia Coritz	2.0
Nicole Babcock	1.0		

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt- a Highway:

Pat Everson received information from Joanne McDonald regarding our commitment to this program. She informed members of the breakdown. Two weeks prior to our clean up date, we must register on -line. We must create a list of items necessary to perform this task and order them. These include road signs, vests, bags, grabbers, gloves, and a first aid kit. We will also be required to submit a 'report card' to record the clean up.

The clean up does not have to cover the entire two miles in one event. It can be spread over the course of the four clean-ups.

The date was set as April 28, 2018 from 10:00 AM to noon. There will be a rain date on April 29, 2018. The date was chosen because it is near "Earth Day".

Cynthia Coritz related on behalf of the TEC, she would like to inform and educate the public of this event. Pat Everson agreed to contact Pat Johnson of the local newspaper to place this announcement.

Nicole Babcock suggested we increase the limit of the number of persons allowed per clean-up. Pat informed that the video specifies the number 8 as the limit due to safety concerns. Nicole is required to view the video before participating in the clean up. Pat stated she will talk with Joanne about increasing the number of participants after our initial successful clean up.

Cynthia Coritz related that we contact the local and state police, as suggested by Councilman, Sam Colangelo, as informational relations. No standing escort is necessary, just awareness.

Cynthia Coritz announced the “Tree City, USA” project will be postponed until next month. Robert Rue will bring the application to our meeting so members may review.

Nedean Maddox informed that the “Tree City, USA” is not an action item on the “Sustainable Jersey” calendar.

Cynthia Coritz related that the “Plastic Bag Ban” was discussed at the Combined Boards Meeting. Barnegat Bay Partnership has been involved with this ban and also the “Helium Balloon Ban”. She asked Councilman, Sam Colangelo if these topics were brought up at the Council meetings. Sam related that they were brought up but no action has been taken. There is much legalities involved when preparing the ordinances and the wording of the resolutions are critical. Sam reported that this matter is constantly brought to his attention, especially by commercial fishermen, as the plastic bags and balloons are being caught in their nets, they send him photos. Sam stated it is a matter of record, recorded within the meeting minutes, and is a conscious stream at present.

Councilman, Sam Colangelo reported he has requested copies of the resolutions recorded by LBI as they have passed those two bans. Sam explained the legislation to draft their own version and present them to the Borough Solicitor for suggestions, then return to legislation for discussion and approval and the process of being adopted with a 1st and 2nd reading, a public comment, final vote, it is a very long process.

Cynthia discussed the Native Plant Resolution verbiage for “Non-Invasive” species.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cynthia Coritz attended the Combined Boards Meeting on behalf of TEC. She explained the Sustainable Jersey participation. She was contacted by the Tuckerton Seaport to write a letter on behalf of the TEC in support of the Water-Ferry project since they have a grant available through the Sustainable Jersey. This is our first major benefit of being part of the ‘Green Team’. Cynthia brought the letter to our meeting so members may review.

Nedean Maddox explained there are \$10,000 and \$20,000 grants available. We are hoping to receive the \$20,000 since we have already had a successful pilot program. We have worked on a theoretical budget and should get a response by the end of the month. We are asking businesses to buy into sponsorships for advertising on the boat and help to support this project. This was discussed at the meeting she attended with the Chamber of Commerce this month.

TEC welcomes new member, Nicole Babcock.

Nicole Babcock announced she will attend Little Egg Harbor Environmental Commission meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018, to introduce herself and announce the clean-up she has proposed at Stafford Forge on April 7, 2018. She would like to invite their members to participate. Nicole will also contact the Superintendent and the State for permission for this clean up, and also work on details for which part to clean up.

MEMBERS FORUM

Cynthia Coritz announced the next meeting for “Green Drinks” will be March 27th at 5:30 at the Holiday Inn, Manahawkin, NJ. She reported there was a great group in January, consisting of over 12 persons. Everyone shared information, it was great conversation. The bag ban was discussed. The Garden Club of LBI attended and talked about native plants and monarch butterflies.

PUBLIC:

Cynthia Coritz made a motion to open the public forum, motion was seconded by Pat Everson. All in Favor. Aye. Motion Carried.

Open Public Forum.

Councilman and liaison to the TEC, Sam Colangelo and Mrs. Judy Colangelo are in attendance this evening.

Lauren Cromie, Watershed Ambassador to the Mullica River is in attendance. Lauren will inform the Barnegat Bay Watershed Ambassador of our Adopt- a- Highway event.

Cynthia Coritz suggested contacting webmaster, Barbara Layton to include the adopt-a highway on our calendar of events page.

Lauren Cromie suggested a rain date for the event. Members decided on Sunday, April 29, 2018, the following day.

Nicole Babcock suggested a summer kayak-clean-up. This is her personal summer/fall goal to clean up trash on the water.

Lauren Cromie suggested a “diving” clean up. CYNthia informed her there is a West Tuckerton Diving Team that may be helpful.

Lauren reported she is looking for donations of 55 gallon plastic drums for a “Rain Garden-Barrel” project in Galloway Township.

Pat Everson made a motion to close the PUBLIC form, Nicole Babcock seconded the motion. All in favor. Aye. Motion Carried.

Public Forum Closed.

ACTION ITEMS:

Cynthia Coritz will contact Jenny Gleghorn to request Barbara Layton include the Adopt-a Highway Clean up dates on the Borough Web site.

Pat Everson will contact Joanne McDonald in regards to review the Adopt-a-Highway requirements. She will e-mail Pat Johnson to put the information in the local newspaper. Pat will contact local and state police to inform them of the date for this events.

Nedean Maddox will register the TEC for Adopt-a-Highway on line.

Nicole Babcock will get permission for Stafford Forge Clean up and also watch the video for the Adopt-a-Highway event. The video is currently with Robert Rue at his office

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Nicole Babcock that the invoice in the amount of \$75 for secretarial services for the month of MARCH 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 Nedeane Maddox, 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