

TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JAN 11, 2018

Chairperson, Robert Rue called the regular meeting of The Tuckerton Environmental Commission to order on Thursday, JANUARY 11, 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, Robert Rue, Pat Everson, Nedeane Maddox

Robert rue led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Nedeane Maddox moved, seconded by Cynthia Coritz, that the December meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 6:50 PM.

IN- KIND HOURS:

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2017 for the month DEC 2017 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	2.0
Nedeane Maddox	3.0	Cynthia Coritz	2.5

REORGANIZATION:

Councilman, Sam Colangelo informed members that a decision was made at the Borough Council meeting, that all appointments are made by the Mayor. Mayor Marshall has appointed Robert Rue, ESQ. for Chairperson of TEC for 2018.

Robert stated he thought Cynthia Coritz was doing a very well, professional job and would like to relinquish the position back to her for Chairperson of TEC.

This decision will be deferred until our February meeting.

All future meetings will begin at 7:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson, Robert Rue played the Adopt-a-Highway Video on his lap top so all members can view. This is their training for the project.

Pat Everson and Cynthia Coritz attended a meeting with DOT. It is a requirement for members to watch a safety movie as part of the protocol to participate in adopt a highway.

A sign has been ordered, once it is installed, supplies will be ordered. Our proposed clean up date is April 28, 2018. There should be no more than 8 people no less than 3, participating at one time for safety measures.

Councilman Colangelo suggested we contact the local or state police as a safety measure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members viewed the 8 minute video.

Members discussed and rated the movie. They replied it was very informative, however, it did not list reducing pollution as a purpose. The movie stated to appoint a person for situational awareness, placing all of the responsibility on one person. It didn't say what to do with hazardous materials if found, just to call 911.

Councilman Colangelo informed that the Department of Public Works go through extensive trainings as they put up cones, flags, tape and appoint a watch person at the beginning and end of each job. Safety is a priority.

Members discussed that Long Beach Township has an ordinance in place for a plastic bag ban. This has been adopted as they are given free one reusable bag, and after one month, will be charged \$1.

Chairman, Robert Rue asked Councilman Colangelo if Tuckerton may follow suit with the plastic bag ban. Councilman Colangelo will pose questions to our in house recycling coordinator. Councilman Colangelo suggested this topic be brought to the attention at our Combined Boards Meeting on January 29, 2018.

Chairperson, Robert Rue suggested the non-profit, Barnegat Bay Partnership be invited to a Council meeting to advocate the importance of a plastic bag band.

Cynthia Coritz suggested we prohibit the release of helium filled balloons, as they end up in the ocean and destroy wildlife. Councilman Colangelo suggested to bring this up also at the Combined Boards meeting.

Chairperson, Robert Rue stated he will reach out to legal advisor for Tuckerton, Mr. Shinn regarding native plant resolutions. Legislative Representative, Keith Vreeland urges commercial use of NON-invasive species, termed, in lieu of native plant usage. This could also be brought up at the Combined Boards meeting.

MEMBERS FORUM:

Cynthia Coritz called Pat Johnson of the local newspaper, the Sandpaper ,regarding advertising for new members for the Tuckerton Environmental Commission.

Robert Rue asked Councilman Colangelo for updated figures needed for the Tree City, USA project preliminary application Members will review and submit the application at our meeting next month.

Saturday, April 28th is proposed for our first Adopt a Highway clean up, Cynthia had suggested it be scheduled near Earth Day, April 27th.

Cynthia announced that “Green Drinks” is held at the Manahawkin Holiday Inn; this is a marketing network of environmental concerns and interests, a casual get together of like- minded individuals. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January, 30th at 5:30 PM and open to the public.

ACTION ITEMS:

To be addressed at the Combined Boards Meeting on JANuary 29th--

plastic bag band
helium balloon band
native plant resolution
recycling handout

TEC mission statement will be reviewed next meeting.

Cynthia Coritz explained TEC registered for “Sustainable Jersey” and was finalized. She suggested we devote the first hour of our meeting to TEC and the second hour to Sustainable Jersey. “Adopt a Highway” and the “Tree City, USA” projects qualify as Sustainable Jersey programs.

PUBLIC:

Councilman, Sam Colangelo was in attendance this evening.

Lauren Cromie, Watershed Ambassador to the Mullica River, along with Tuckerton resident Nicole Babcock attended our meeting this evening. Both women contributed an abundance of knowledge to our members on topics of our environmental concerns. We are grateful for their interaction and knowledge and welcome both Ms. Babcock and Ms. Cromie at any time to join our group.

Lauren informed us that the Barnegat Bay is the cleanest bay on the east coast.

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Cynthia Coritz, to pay the invoice of \$75.00 to Susan Maguire for Secretarial Services for the month of JANUARY 2018. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of members at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cynthia Coritz moved, second by Nedeane Maddox, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Maguire, Secretary
Tuckerton Environmental Commission