

**Environmental Commission  
Washington Township (Morris County), New Jersey  
Minutes of September 10, 2007**

**I. Attendance:**

**Present: Anthony LaVista, Merv Haines, Mark Napolitano, Kathy Smith, Ken Short, Valerie Walsh**

**Absent: Frank Ferraro, CJ Sinko, Howard Popper, John Prusak**

**II. Minutes of June, July and August were approved.**

**III Review of Correspondence to Environmental Commission.**

The following correspondence was available for review:

- a. Highlands Applicability Determinations
- b. DEP Bulletins
- c. WT Board of Health Meeting Minutes

**IV. WTEC Projects 2007.**

**A. Used Motor Oil Campaign** - Mr. Napolitano is working on coordinating the event and is targeting for November.

**B. Develop a Trail map of all trails in Washington Township.** - Mr. Napolitano is continuing work on this effort.

**C. Invasive species** - Township website now contains top invasives found in Washington Township with links for more information. Long-term goal for 2008 is to have a project to train "weed warrior" volunteers to go out to properties in Washington Township to remove/control invasives in the area.

**D. Surface Water Testing** - given that we will likely do one round of testing this year, the Commission decided Mr. Napolitano will order the testing kits.

**F. Environmental Tips**

- EC members are encouraged to submit tips to Ms. Smith to be forwarded onto webmaster. Goal is to put a new tip on the website every two weeks. Tips are then archived to the EC area of the Township's website.

**G. Prescription Medication Disposal Event** - WTEC to work in cooperation with the WT Health and Police to address groundwater contamination.

**H. Raingarden project with Raritan Highlands Compact** - Library Board of Trustees has approved a site to educate the community about raingardens.

**V. Other Items**

- Fall Festival: WTEC will have a table at the festival.
- Pond/dam at 32 North Four Bridges Road. WTEC feels siltation result of natural causes and can probably only be corrected by removing the dam and/or the sediment. Ms. Smith will contact the SBWA for additional feedback.
- Newspaper articles in the Observer - if the WTEC supplies ideas and/or stories, the Observer is interested in publishing them.

**VI. Next Meeting: 10/01/07**

**VII. Meeting Adjourned.**