

**Environmental Commission
Washington Township (Morris County), New Jersey
Minutes of May 5, 2008**

I. Attendance:

Present: Frank Ferraro, Merv Haines, Dave Shoudy, Kathy Smith, Mark Napolitano, Valerie Walsh

Absent: Anthony LaVista, John Prusak, CJ Sinko, Ken Short

II. Minutes of April were approved.

III. Review of Correspondence to Environmental Commission.

The following correspondence was available for review:

- a. Highlands Applicability Determinations
- b. WT Board of Health Meeting Minutes
- c. William Leavens has been appointed a regular member of the EC, with term to expire on December 31, 2009. Mr. Leavens also serves on the Planning Board.

IV. WTEC Projects 2008

A. Used Motor Oil Campaign - event did not occur in April; could potentially be in May.

B. Invasive species - workshop to occur on May 31st at DPW building and Harrington Park. Registration available on Township website. Discussed disposal methods for cuttings (chipping vs onsite composting). Ms. Smith to discuss with SBWA and DPW.

C. Surface Water Testing - no update for April. Committee agreed to wait until WTEC budget has been formally approved.

D. Environmental Tips - tips continue to be posted on www.wtmorris.org.

E. Prescription Medication Disposal Event - Mr. Shoudy had no information from Schering-Plough. Mr. Haines suggested we contact a company that incinerates pharmaceuticals. He will provide the contact information.

F. Washington Township Water Bodies - List of water bodies reviewed. The largest sign would be 1x2', while most signs would be 2' x 6". They are high quality aluminum. Mr. Napolitano will present the plan to the Township Committee for feedback and approval.

G. Recycling Awareness in the Schools - Ms. Walsh contacted the Board of Education office which suggested we contact each of the schools individually. Mr. Napolitano contacted Flocktown and Kossman schools and they seemed interested in holding a contest to recycle batteries. Mr. Napolitano will follow-up with Dr. Canning and if she agrees, organize a collection for the batteries and bring to RadioShack for disposal. If this pilot is successful, the EC could potentially extend this effort to other WT schools.

H. Forest Management Plan - Mr. Haines presented the concept of a Forest Management plan at the April Township Committee meeting. The TC supported

the idea as long as there was a way to fund it through non- matching grant monies.
Preparing a plan costs approximately \$900 + an additional amount depending on the number of acres in the p
The TC also suggested the EC contact the WT Open Space and Shade Tree Committees
to determine if they would be interested in working together on the project.

A Forest Management Plan can be managed for different things - wildlife, timber harvest,
stewardship plan, etc.

Mr. Haines will contact the state forester and also Dr. Keller for addtional input. Mr.
Haines will also research grant possibilities.

The Commission discussed the need to have ongoing community education and PR for
this project so that the community understands the need for and benefits of a
Forest Management Plan.

VI. Next Meeting: 06/02/08

VII. Meeting Adjourned.