

WTEAC Minutes February 21, 2019

Meeting opened under the Sunshine Law at 7:08 p.m.

Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Ellen Smith

Present: Chairperson Wilma Morrissey, Vice Chair Bob Kilmurray, Secretary Ellen Smith, Scott Burke, John Ozell, Joe Balesterri, and Greg Wolek.

Absent:, Township Committeeman Tim Farrell and Hance Sitkus.

Members of the public: Amanda Brockwell and Shelby Sickles

Motion for January Minutes. Motion: Bob 2nd: John

9-11 Memorial Interpretive Sign: Wilma submitted the 9-11 Memorial Interpretive Sign Application and suggested that a small rain garden be installed at the sign for Sustainable Jersey points in recertification. The rain garden was recommended by the grant coordinator to strengthen the application. We may apply for \$500 for more trees or plants to enhance the sign.

Poster, Poster, and Essay competitions in 2019 Update: High School Environmental Club teacher Josh Tennant is in charge of the essay contest and the Environmental Club judges the best posters in rating them first, second, third, and honorable mention.

Consumer Awareness Letter Writing Campaign Project (New Idea).. A Consumer Awareness letter writing campaign was suggested by the WTEAC for high school students who would like to influence companies, towns, restaurants, etc. to be more environmental.

End of the Year Report 2018 Completed and submitted by the Chair.

Sustainable Jersey Projects 2020: We will start to work on actions now that we can use for recertification.

Robert C. Fischer, Wastewater Presentation 2/22/19 – Wilma and Tim will attend the wastewater presentation at the Intermediate School. This is the 2nd year that Mr. Fischer has addressed the Intermediate school 8th grade students and is asking for participation in their essay competition on the water treatment process in recycling water.

Site Plans and Legal Notifications: A.C. Moore plans are fine. Bob suggests they donate 10 trees to make up for removed trees. We all agreed.

Going Green: Save Money/ Energy Savings Tips Seminar: We will table that program for now.

Arbor Day Program & Tree Planting: Scott will take the lead on planning an Arbor Day program at the Care One in Wall assisted living facility. We're planning on Saturday April 27th in the morning.

Town Wide Clean-up: Wilma has requested Wreck Pond again for the town wide clean up on May 11th.

Holiday Cards Project: Wilma will follow up to see if the project is worthwhile to again do in December.

Native Plant Seminar at the Allenwood Native Garden: Joe and Greg will work on that.

Suggested monthly speakers: Maybe Joe Lentini

2019 Calendar of 2019 Meetings: Included in packet

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Old Business, New Business: Ellen met a 19 year old Princeton student who met with Senator Declan O'Scanlon to pitch using hempcrete for our road repairs and new roads. Hempcrete is made from the shiv or inside stem of the hemp plant and is then mixed with a lime base binder to create the building material. This mixture creates a negative carbon footprint.

Wilma would like to promote the Nature Trail and to look into getting an easement from the Catholic church to use land adjacent to Wreck Pond. It belongs to the cemetery but is not suitable for commercial use.

**Dates to Remember**: Sustainable Jersey Webinar: Foundations for Using Technology Effectively in Your Town, FEBRUARY 27, 2019 - 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM  
SEA GIRT — SPONSORED — A Winter Maker's Market at Barlow Flower Farm is being held every Saturday through Feb 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See the creative work of local vendors in the greenhouse.  
Land Conservation In A Changing World. Fri April 12th at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick.  
Poetry and Essay Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, May 16  
Poster Awards Ceremony – Sunday, May 19  
County Dates to Remember- See Attachment

Public Comments: Shelby Sickles is concerned about pesticides and glyphosates being used on lawns. She would like to see the WTEAC promote additional awareness on this issue. Amanda Brockwell brought flyers from the Monmouth 'conservation Foundation. She may have ideas for Kid's Day America and Wall Fair booths.

Handouts: Wall Twp Community Clean-up Day flyer, Sample letter campaign letter and Writing to influence hand out., E-mail from Lori Lee Corson and Thank you letter for her years on the WTEAC, e-mail from Anne-Marie Peracchio of NJNG 9/11 Living Memorial information as well as grant info for the sign budget figures and a proclamation and letter of support from the town for said grant application.

Adjournment- 9:05PM Motion Joe 2nd Greg

Prepared by Ellen Smith