

**Environmental Commission**  
**Washington Township (Morris County), New Jersey**  
**Minutes of October 1, 2007**

**I. Attendance:**

**Present:** Anthony LaVista, Merv Haines, Kathy Smith, Ken Short, Valerie Walsh  
**Absent:** Frank Ferraro, Mark Napolitano, CJ Sinko, Howard Popper, John Prusak

**II. Minutes of September 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.** - This item is being removed from the project list.
- C. Invasive species** - Ellen Cronan, from South Branch Watershed Association discussed partnering with the WTEC on a project to train "weed warrior" volunteers to go out to a Township-owned property to remove/control invasives. There would be a day long program consisting of inside training to present an overview of invasive plant species, plant ID, removal techniques, and then an actual control/removal effort in the field. Mr. Short suggested we look at Harrington Park and Koehler Pond as possible sites for the program.
- D. Surface Water Testing** - WTEC reviewed services and fees of potential vendors and selected QC Laboratories.
- 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** - event on hold pending finding a place to dispose of pharmaceuticals once collected. Ms. Walsh volunteered to contact companies to determine cost and acceptance criteria. This information will be forwarded to the WT Health Department.
- H. Raingarden project with Raritan Highlands Compact** - installation and planting scheduled for October 12th and 13th.

**V. Other Items**

- Newspaper articles in the Observer - if the WTEC supplies ideas and/or stories, the Observer is interested in publishing them.

**VI. Next Meeting: 11/05/07**

**VII. Meeting Adjourned.**