**Washington Township Environmental Commission (EC)**

**February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Start 7:30 pm: Present: Kelly Martin, Merv Haines, Bill Leavens, Laramie Traina, CJ Sinko, Mark Napolitano, Greg Forsbrey, Paula Ross, Ed Carpetino (guest)

1. Climate Hustle Preview – Committee watched film “Climate Hustle” with guest Ed Carpetino to assess it for the Environmental Education Outreach program to be sponsored by the WT Library & WTEC. No decision was made with regards to including it in the program. WTEC will need to decide at next meeting.
	1. Environmental Educational Outreach – No other films, besides Climate Hustle, were recommended by the WTEC members
	2. Sponsorship – WTEC is expected to be sponsor with WT Library if program goes forward.
2. Green Team conversion to WTEC – Paula update – Green Team identified Palmer Park as an excellent site to kick off invasive species removal project. The committee is considering removing Russian Olive in the Hedgerow along Bartley Road. A kiosk containing information about the program would be erected to raise public awareness about the project and the invasives found in WT. The project would be an excellent opportunity for an Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award. Greg to obtain the kiosk. Green Grant needs to be submitted by February 24th.
3. WMC High school Macro testing training – Kelly – Angela and Lauren to contact Mrs. Joyce Hartman. CJ and Merv also will attempt to make contact.
4. High School Testing outreach to Hackettstown – Bill – Tabled for next meeting as Bill was late due to other commitments.
5. WMC Reports to Associations – Merv/Bill – no update.
6. Invasive Species – Edits March 1 deadline Bill/CJ – No update.
7. 2017 –projects
	1. Stream cleanup – Valerie – Tabled for next meeting
	2. Well testing – Mark – Mark provided several different pamphlets from Raritan Headwaters and asked the Committee to review and come prepared to next meeting which pamphlet format to use. Sample collection will take place at the Municipal building. WTEC will post a sign in front of the building to advertise the event. It was recommended to use the existing sign or have the sign made.
8. Oridance RO-17 - The appointments to the EC do not match the order. Committee reviewed list edited and CJ dropped off at Municipal Building.
9. CJ- update on Warren County Soil Conservancy meeting – CJ updated the committee on the Conservancy’s reluctance to attend an evening meeting. The conservancy would consider a day time meeting but the WTEC did not think this would have much value as attendance would be low. The presentation the Conservancy was to send to the WTEC was never received. CJ to reach out one more time.
10. Mail Call – Nothing actionable noted.
11. AOB – Mark suggested we adopt a logo for committee. Can we do this as a student art project?

Adjourned 9:45