**Washington Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)**

**January 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Start 7:30 pm: Present: Merv Haines, Bill Leavens, Laramie Traina, CJ Sinko, Anne Marie Harrington, Mark Napolitano, and Joseph Amoroso

Guest: Ed Carpentino

1. Environmental Educational Outreach – Washing Township Public Library – Ed Carpenito

Committee met with MR. Ed Carpetino, President - Washington Township Public Library to discuss the WTEC hosting an Educational Environmental Film Program at the library. The WTEC was in favor of doing so and members were encouraged to come up with some films that might be appropriate. Films should be applicable to NJ and surrounding areas, between 1-1:15 hours long. Merv suggested checking into documentaries on the Great Swamp. Mark suggested viewing “Climate Hustle” a documentary which refutes climate change as an anthropogenic phenomenon. Some members thought showing both sides of the global warming debate would be a good opportunity to be fair and balanced to allow for people to form their own opinion. Other thoughts check Princeton Films. Committee will need to reconnect with Mr. Carpentino. WTEC plans to view the film at next meeting – 2/6/17.

1. Green Team conversion to WTEC?

Committee questioned if anything we are working on now would qualify us for the Green NJ grants. Bill to follow up with Andrew/Greg.

1. WMC High school Macro testing training

Kelly connected with Mrs. Joyce Hartman no further details. Will need to discuss with Kelly at next meeting.

1. High school testing outreach to Hackettstown.

Due to changes with personnel no contact was made. Bill to follow up.

1. WMC Reports to Associations

Merv and Bill to follow up to determine if Associations can use reports.

1. Invasive Species – where are we at what do we need to get completed?

CJ/Bill to finalize webpage by 3/1/17. WTEC wants to send more mailings out with tax bills. Bill to follow up with Andrew. Top 10 list needed from all WTEC Members. Japanese Knotweed and Russian Olive remain top priorities.

1. 2017 – Ideas for projects?

Mark – introduced well testing program offered by Raritan Headwaters Association. WTEC can host a day to collect water samples from residents and we will transport the samples back to the lab. Cost is $60 for Total Coliform, Nitrates and pH. WTEC was in favor of the program. Mark to follow up with Association on dates.

Valerie – Offered to run a stream cleanup day. Timing will be late April. Details to follow.

1. Mail Call – Reviewed and no actions required by WTEC.
2. AOB – none …… Meeting Adjourned 8:44