

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

Date: Monday, January 22, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commissioner Fischer. Open Public Meeting Notice was read and roll call by Secretary Capparelli

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Linda Ammerman, Mae Bogdansky, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner
Jr. Commissioners Present: Julia C., Thalia R., Absent: Lea B.
Green Team Members: Susan Burleson, Mary Ann Crawford, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the December 18, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Competiello Second: Koeber
Ammerman: Y Board Liaison Bogdansky: Abstain Competiello: Y Fischer: Y Koeber: Y
Lane: Y Weiner: Y

Priority Review Items

- Appointment of new Chairperson
 - Motion by Commissioner Lane and second by Commissioner Koeber, all in favor, to re-appoint Commissioner Fischer as Chairwoman of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission.
- Mr. Rudy Boonstra is the 2024 Township Committee WEC Liaison.
- Introductions of all Commissioners, new Jr Commissioners and Green Team volunteers. Jr Commissioner Project Coordinators and mentors will be Chairwoman Beth Fischer and Commissioners: Danyel Competiello and Ben Weiner.
- FLOW Film – Ms. Fischer has made the recommendation for Wyckoff to continue the environmental film fest separately sponsored by Wyckoff and renamed the Green Film series. Franklin Lakes and Oakland Environmental Commissions will be invited to attend and participate. The goal is to host two films: one organized by Green Team volunteer JR Frank in association with the NJ Architects Association with a sustainable green topic TBD. The second film will be organized by WEC, topic and date to be decided. Ms. Competiello suggested using the recent 2023 Jr. Commissioner movie about the Economy Shop as the movie and sustainable clothing as the theme. A motion to approve moving to a Wyckoff Green Film series was initiated by Mr. Lane and second by Ms. Competiello. All in favor.

Grant Programs

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant for Russell Farms Community Park signage. – Ms. Fischer would like a subcommittee to complete the signage for Russell Farms. Ms. Competiello offered to head the subcommittee. Quotes for the signage have been received. Final grant report due on May 23, 2024.

Planning Board

- No update on Ridgewood Water as they have canceled meetings. A January reorganization meeting was held. An ordinance was established to include parking lot expansion for Hartgers Jewelers business. Mr. Boonstra shared that Maple Lake is still in the pre-development stage. Once developers begin work it will be difficult for the Township to access the open space until work is completed.

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New Business

- Pumpkin composting- the Commission is still gathering information on conducting a pumpkin compost event or Pumpkin Smash. They will investigate what other towns have done relating to this event and revisit this in the fall before Halloween.
- Certified Wildlife Habitat Certification- Ms. Ammerman will meet with Ms. Capparelli to initiate the certification process.
- Compost Event- currently scheduled for April 6, 2024 at Russell Farms Park. Commissioners will discuss possible other locations such as the Rose Garden. Mr. Boonstra will check when the Rose Garden opens in the spring.
- Arbor Day- April 26, 2024, scheduled at George Washington Elementary. Tree dedication for former principal Joseph Desiderio.
- Shred/Recycling Day- scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at DPW yard. Mr. Boonstra will confirm with the Township regarding ongoing Styrofoam collections at the Recycling Center

Other Business- carried to January meeting

- SJ HUB- next meeting- January 29, 2024, in Waldwick
- Wyckoff K-8 Schools/PTO – no report
- RIH Schools Report- Ms. Fischer asked new Jr Commissioners to reach out to their high school environmental clubs for updates on any events or activities
- WEC Facebook Page – No separate page, anything WEC would like to post can go on Wyckoff Local Government Facebook page and the Environmental Commission/Green Team page of wyckoffnj.gov
- Recycle Coach – In 2023 we had 525 new subscribers and YTD since 2018 there is a total of 4,100 Wyckoff subscribers.
- Bergen County Utilities Authority – HHW- March 9, 2024, in Moonachie. Shred/Tires/Electronics – April 21, 2024, in Paramus

Next meeting – February 26, 2024

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Competiello and seconded by Commissioner Koeber was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary