

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Public Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2022**

**Date:** Monday, February 28, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff, NJ Ladderback Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Beth Fischer, Wyckoff Environmental Commission Chairwoman. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Environmental Commission Secretary Denise Capparelli

“The February 28, 2022, Public Business Meeting of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that copy of the annual schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and copies of this agenda and the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the *Ridgewood News*, *The Record*, and the *North Jersey Herald and News*, all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff.” Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

✦ Present: Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, and Township Committee Liaison Pete Melchionne; Jr Commissioners: Sebastian D., Eve N., Justin S., Secretary, Denise Capparelli, Kelli Benedik

Absent: Mae Bogdansky

Green Team Volunteers attending: Stanley Goodman

**Motion to approve minutes from the January 24, 2022, meeting.**

Motion: Lane Second: Koeber

Board Liaison Bogdansky       Absent Competiello Y       Fischer   Y   Koeber       Y       Lane       Y        
Weiner   Y  

**I. Priority Review Items**

- a. Ms. Kelli Benedik, selected as the new Commissioner attended the WEC meeting and will be appointed at the March 1, 2022 Township Committee meeting.
- b. Chairwoman Fischer reviewed the Sustainable Jersey 2022 Re-Certification program and gave a brief overview of the program requirements and certification process affirming that the Township Silver Certification expires December 2022. Mrs. Fischer stated the next steps will be to meet with Commissioner Weiner to discuss a list of actions to apply for, actions will be assigned to Commissioners and a list of due dates will be assigned for completion.
- c. Mrs. Fischer informed the group that the Township was declined participation in the Montclair Sustainable Public Service Initiative program as they were unable to match a volunteer student to assist with our sustainable needs at this time.

**II. Planning Board – no reports**

**III. Grant Programs for 2022:**

- a. 2022 ANJEC \$1500 Local Open Space Stewardship Grant fund for open space projects

**IV. New Business**

- a. Team Up to Tidy up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will commence at Town Hall. Commissioners and Jr. Commissioners will be expected to attend and volunteer. Jr. Commissioner Justin S. offered to create artwork for the 2022 TUTU t-shirt design. Expected due date for artwork is March 30.
- b. Shred Fest is scheduled for Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Need WEC and Green Team volunteers. Sign up sheets available at the March meeting. Mrs. Fischer confirmed Styrofoam drop off at Poly Molding will be on Friday afternoon after the event. Mrs. Fischer will confirm with DPW regarding suitable bags for Styrofoam.
- c. Commissioners discussed getting waste and recycling tonnage information to do a comparison of what is being recycled in Wyckoff. Mr. Melchionne mentioned recycling information may be difficult to obtain and the town's recycling rate is lower due to the change in more recent recycling laws and changes.

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- d. WEC voted unanimously to include a mailer insert for new residents with information about recycling to be included in Chamber giveaway bags for new residents. Ms. Competiello suggested next time possibly include the Economy shop as a resource for recycling of unused household goods.
- e. Mrs. Fischer reminded all and recommended the ANJEC training: Fundamentals for Environmental Commissioners and the new NJ Plastic Pollution reduction law.
- f. Spring Composting event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Fischer will reach out to Partners in Pride Alan Gromett to gauge interest in conducting the workshop.

**V. Other Business**

- a. Mrs. Fischer suggested the Commission form a subcommittee regarding the upcoming May 4, 2022, implementation of the single use plastic bag ban.
- b. Mr. Weiner reported that he has been unable to attend the Bergen SJ HUB meetings as they have conflicted with the Wyckoff WEC meeting dates. He did report that there is a focus on Styrofoam and the concern of a better way to collect Styrofoam waste. He mentioned that the Village of Ridgewood purchased their own densifier to collect and shred the material. He reported there is a pilot program that uses a new product mobile densifier that municipalities can rent for a fee.
- c. Recycle Coach App update for January was 49 with a year-to-date total since inception of 3,164 subscribers. Not reported in last month's minutes: December 2021, 46 new subscribers with a 2021 total of 928 new subscribers.
- d. BCUA 2022 Collection events: Household Hazardous Waste March 12, 2022- Moonachie, Tires/Electronics- April 24, 2022- Paramus
  - a. Jr. Commissioner Projects- Details to be discussed and finalized with Mrs. Fischer
  - b. Eve N- interested in organizing a Green Fair engaging younger students with educational and fun activities.
  - c. Sebastian D- interested in organizing a pollinator garden possibly at the elementary or middle school.
  - d. Justin S- interested in a project relating to the replanting of trees as many of Wyckoff's tree population is aging.
- e. Mr. Lane reported that he met with the FLOW Film committee, and they have planned 2 tentative movie dates. May 5 for an architect related movie on sustainable building and development. The other movie theme discussed related to either the topic on plastic bags or water conservation.
- f. Mr. Melchionne stated that the Township is in the process of reviewing solar panel ordinances. There are many safety issues that need to be addressed prior to the ordinance being adopted.
- g. Mrs. Fischer confirmed with Mr. Melchionne that the trex bench will be delivered to DPW and plans to determine the location of the bench are to be determined.

**VI. Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments- none**

**VII. Next meeting – March 21, 2022 – 7:00pm Town Hall Upstairs Ladderback Meeting Room**

**VIII. Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Mr. Lane and seconded Mr. Weiner was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli  
Environmental Commissioner/Secretary