

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

Date: Monday, May 16, 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 Chairwoman Beth Fischer. Minutes taken by Commissioner Koeber.

“The May 16, 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, Pete Melchionne, Ben Weiner, Sebastian D, Eve N, Justin S.
Absent: Kelli Benedik, Mae Bogdansky, Denise Capparelli, Roger Lane
Green Team: Stanley Goodman, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the April 25, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Weiner Second: Koeber
Kelli Benedik Absent Board Liaison Bogdansky Absent Competiello Y Fischer Y
Koeber Y Lane Absent Weiner Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) *Sustainable Jersey*- Wyckoff Silver Certification expires Dec 2022. Commissioner Fischer reviewed the Sustainable Jersey Silver Re-Certification 2022 program and gave a brief overview of the status and attainable action goals. – First round due May 22, 2022.
- b) Sub-committees- action updates:
 - i) Commissioner Weiner reported he will mark his assigned goals as Completed in the Sustainable Jersey application portal. Commissioner Competiello reported her assigned action required more research.
 - ii) Green Business Recognition Program – Commissioner Bogdansky is working on the program which she plans to have completed for the August submission. Chairwoman Fischer will share the draft form with the WEC for review.
- c) Chairwoman Fischer will send out an email for Fishing Derby volunteers.

2) Grant Programs for 2022:

- a) No new grant opportunities currently.

3) Planning Board – no reports

4) New Business

- a) YMCA Healthy Kids Day event- Commissioner Fischer stated it was a well-attended event and many families stopped by the Environmental table. “Plastic Free is the Way for Me” bags and directions for No-Sew reusable bags with T-shirts (donated by the Wyckoff recreation department) were distributed and flyers on the Plastics Reduction Act were displayed. We also gave away milkweed seeds (harvested from the Monarch Waystation at Russell Farms Park) and displayed information on pollinators and the monarch waystation.
- b) Single-Use Plastic Reduction legislation- how to communicate to Wyckoff businesses? The information on the revised Green Business Program will include information in the certification requirements.
- c) Arbor Day tree planting At Lincoln Elementary School was a great event. Student Council members and their advisors and Principal Lee held a wonderful ceremony. Members from the Township Committee, Tree Shade

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Commission, School Board administration, Board of Education members, and Environmental Commissioners were all in attendance.

5) Other Business

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - Commissioner Weiner reported a community Art event – The Arts Amble, June 10-12. He will share the website link with the WEC for more information.
- b) Wyckoff School's WEC Liaison – Chairwoman Fischer did a presentation on pollinators to the Sicomac 2nd Grade Brownie troop at the Russell Farms Community Park.
- c) Recycle Coach – April = 30 new subscribers, YTD subscribers = 3,222
- d) BCUA
 - Household Hazardous Waste/Other Waste events – Sunday, June 12, Paramus
 - Shredding/Computers, Tire Recycling- Saturday, June 4, 2022, Mahwah
- e) Jr. Commissioner projects – Sebastian – Pollinators; Justin – Tree Project; Eve – Green Fair event at Library 11/19. Typed project drafts will be submitted before June meeting.

6) Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments/New Business

- a) FLOW Green Film Fest – Commissioner Fischer reported there is a movie on May 19th in the Shotmeyer Room at the Wyckoff Library. From Flint: Voices from a Poisoned City. They are looking for additional speakers if anyone has a connection to water treatment company.
- b) Recycleballs – Commissioner Fischer requested a motion to approve \$214 to purchase the Waterproof outdoor Recycle Ball Bin. Montioned by Commissioner Weiner, seconded by Commissioner Competiello. All Commissioners voted in favor. Motion approved.

Next meeting – June 13, 2022 – 7:00pm Town Hall Upstairs Ladderback Meeting Room

- 7) Adjournment** – There being no further business, a motion to adjoin by Mr. Weiner and seconded Mrs. Koeber was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary