

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022

Date: Monday, July 18, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff, NJ, Ladderback Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Beth Fischer, Wyckoff Environmental Commission Chairwoman. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Chairwoman Beth Fischer. Minutes ascribed by Commissioner Koeber.

"The July 18, 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: Kelli Benedik, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Pete Melchionne, Ben Weiner, Sebastian D, Eve N,
Absent: Mae Bogdanskys, Danyel Competiello Roger Lane, Justin S.
Green Team: Stan Goodman, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the June 13, 2022, meeting.

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

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Sustainable Jersey Silver Re-Certification – Mrs. Fischer reported that the Township received notification from Sustainable Jersey that they received Bronze Certification for the first round of submissions. Mrs. Fischer met with the Township Administrator to discuss actions the Township can assist on. She thanked Denise Capparelli for helping with submitting many of the actions during the first round. Mrs. Fischer distributed an updated list of actions and reviewed updated actions for planning and completion due for the second round on August 28, 2022.
- b) Sub-committees- action updates –
 - i) Green Business Recognition Program – Mrs. Fischer reported for Mrs. Bogdanskys has updated the program application and it will be available as an online form. Commissioners will reach out to the Chamber later to set up a presentation on the Green Business Program.
 - ii) Mr. Weiner reported he is following up with Sustainable Jersey regarding the Vulnerable Populations actions and had met with the Wyckoff Board of Health Chair Mr. Clarke regarding Best Practices for Local Boards of Health requirements.
 - iii) Mrs. Benedik completed the Buy Fresh action which is ready to be promoted via the Township website and social media. Mrs. Benedik created a flyer (to be approved) and for distribution on the Township website.
- c) Fall Shred Fest –scheduled September 17, 2022. Commissioners agreed to hold the Styrofoam collection at the Shred Fest again. The medicine drug takeback through the Wyckoff police will be participating. Mr. Melchionne recommended reverting back to having the Spring Shredfest on a Saturday to coincide with Team Up to Tidy Day as part of Earth Day festivities. The second Shredfest in the Fall can be on a Friday. Mrs. Fischer met with Ridgewood DPW to discuss Styrofoam collection. Ridgewood collects Styrofoam in their new densifier for town residents only at this time but may open to other neighboring towns in the future. Mrs. Fischer will follow up with the Ridgewood Recycling Coordinator.

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2) Grant Programs for 2022:

- a) No new grant opportunities currently

3) Planning Board – no updates

4) New Business – none

5) Other Business

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - Commissioner Weiner reports that the HUB is continuing to work on sustainable options to recycle Styrofoam. He also mentioned that some neighboring towns are looking into a program called 1000 acres which encourages businesses and homeowners to manage their landscape sustainably.
- b) Wyckoff School's WEC Liaison. Commissioner Fischer is managing the Community Garden at Eisenhower. Excess produce will be donated to the Families for Families food pantry.
- c) Recycle Coach – April = 58 new subscribers, YTD 3267 subscribers. Ms. Capparelli commented that Recycle Coach offers reports such as Material Searches, Knowledge Measurement, Subscribers, Problem Report which is automatically sent to the
- d) BCUA
Household Hazardous Waste/Other Waste events – Saturday, Sept. 10, Mahwah
Shredding/Computers, Tire Recycling- Saturday, August 6, 2022, Paramus
- e) Jr. Commissioner projects –
 - i) Sebastian working on the pollinator project – will meet with Mrs. Fischer after the meeting to discuss progress. Advisors: Commissioner Fischer and Commissioner Weiner
 - ii) Justin – Tree Project no update – Advisors: Commissioner Fischer, Green Team volunteer Stan Goodman
 - iii) Eve – 2022 Green Fair – November 19, 2022, will be held at the library -Shotmeyer Room. Eve reported she has created evites and would like to know best time to send them out. Advisors: Commissioner Fischer and Commissioner Competiello.
Township Liaison Melchionne reported that the Township has put the garbage and recycling contract out for bid. Potential changes may involve a separate day for bulk household items from regular curbside pickup which would reduce collection time and save taxpayer dollars.
 - iv) Ms. Capparelli shared information about an Environmental Commission Roundtable webinar on how to plan a Certified Wildlife Habitat sponsored by ANJEC on August 2, 7pm for those interested in attending.

6) Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments

- a) Recycleballs – Mrs. Fischer is planning to order outdoor signage and will work with Ms. Capparelli on design and have it printed.
- b) Wyckoff Day – September 10, 2022. WEC/Jr Commissioner volunteers needed.

7) Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Mr. Weiner and seconded Mrs. Koeber was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:04pm.

Next meeting – September 14, 2022 – 7:00pm Town Hall Upstairs Ladderback Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary