

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Library, 200 Woodland Ave., Wyckoff, NJ, Shotmeyer Room

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kelli Benedik, Mae Bogdansk, Denise Capparelli, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner
Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Alex C., Stephen C, Gregory C, Allie P
Absent: Township Committee Liaison Pete Melchionne, Eve N.
Green Team: Ron Javier

Motion to approve minutes from the December 19, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Lane Second: Benedik

Benedik Y Board Liaison Bogdansk Abstain Competiello Y Fischer Y Koeber Y
Lane Y Weiner Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Welcome back Commissioners for 2023
- b) Ms. Competiello made a motion and Mr. Weiner seconded, all in favor, of re-appointing Beth Fischer as Chairwomen for 2023.
- c) Welcome new Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Alex C, Gregory C, Stephen C, Allie P and returning Jr. Commissioner Eve N. Mrs. Fischer stated that Jr. Commissioners will pair up to work on their year-end projects and can reach out to her or Jr. Commissioner Eve for information on projects.
- d) 2023 WEC Events
 - i) Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU) will be on April 22, the same day as Earth Day, with a rain date of April 29. Commissioners approved using the new WEC logo for the t-shirt design. The WEC logo was approved by all Commissioners. The logo will be sent to Township Liaison Mr. Melchionne for Township Committee review. Commissioners will inventory t-shirts and gloves. Per Ms. Capparelli, promoting the TUTU must include information or logo from NJ Clean Communities, which funds the event.
 - ii) Shred/Recycling Day- tentative date of Saturday, April 15. Awaiting confirmation from the BCUA for their free shred mobile service. It will be held at the DPW yard at 9:00am.
 - iii) Fishing Derby- scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 8:30am. Commissioners to review suggestions from 2022 event.
 - iv) Composting Event- tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 10:00am at Russell Farms. Mrs. Fischer will email the Administrator. Mrs. Fischer will investigate purchasing 10 composters at \$60/each either through consignment from BCUA or request the Township to front the initial cost of \$600 to purchase. Mr. Lane suggested contacting schools to gauge interest in receiving a school composter along with an educational presentation to students to promote composting.

2) Grant Programs for 2023 - Mrs. Fischer will submit a preliminary proposal to the Township Administrator for the Sustainable Jersey PSE&G \$2,000 grant to install updated signage to Russell Farms Park. Grant submission date is February 2, 2023.

3) Planning Board – Commissioner Bogdansk reported that the Planning Board met with Ridgewood Water to discuss the Notice of Compliance served by the NJDEP requiring Ridgewood Water to remediate water quality issues within one year that were in non-compliance (ie; PFOS contaminant levels that were above limits.) Ridgewood Water has proposed a water treatment facility on Hartung Ave. in Wyckoff. Charcoal filters will be responsible for removing the contaminants from the water. More information will be forthcoming from the Planning Board. Another applicant that has proposed to build a basketball court and inground pool will need to

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comply with and provide NJDEP Environmental Impacts Studies for compliance. Mr. Lane made a request to invite Boswell Engineering to discuss the water quality issues in town.

4) New Business

- a) FLOW Film Festival's 10th year- Mr. Lane reported they are awaiting specific dates in May for 2 of the 4 films. The June 4 outdoor movie, to be decided, will be held in Oakland. Mr. Weiner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bogdansk, all in favor, to request the \$400 shared cost for the FLOW outdoor film. A requisition will be submitted to Town Hall. Mrs. Fischer will email the Administrator.
- b) A WEC logo was approved unanimously by the Commission. A copy will be sent to the Township Committee for review.
- c) ANJEC membership for all Commissioners for 2023 was completed.
- d) 2023 Goals- Mr. Weiner would like to take the lead and spearhead a program on Sustainable Landscaping for the Township residents/businesses. His proposal would outline the education and certification elements of the program. The program will be submitted to the Township Committee for their review.
- e) Mr. Weiner suggested that Commissioners and Jr. Commissioners work together to come up with some creative ideas to educate and encourage Wyckoff residents on how to reduce waste at the source and the reuse of recyclable materials as part of the total waste reduction/recycling process. Recent inflated increases in solid waste/recycling costs that NJ state municipalities are experiencing will sift down and negatively impact taxpayers and residents.

5) Other Business

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB- Mr. Weiner reported the next meeting is January 30th, 7pm in Glen Rock. The HUB is still working on a Mobile Joint Styrofoam Densifier for Bergen municipalities. Glen Rock has assumed the lead on this project and is investigating if other towns would be interested in a shared service with Glen Rock. Mr. Weiner will email the Administrator regarding interest.
- b) Wyckoff Schools- no updates at this time. Mr. Lane has offered to act as the new School K-8 Liaison.
- c) Waste Tonnage Report for 2022 was submitted to Commissioners. Recycling Tonnage report will be available at the next meeting.
- d) Recycle Coach – December new subscribers - 27, 2022 new subscribers - 484, and total subscribers since inception in 2018 is 3,542.
- e) Bergen County Utilities Authority Recycling Events:
 - i) Household Hazardous Waste Recycling- Saturday, March 11, 9am-3pm at BCUA in Moonachie
 - ii) Mobile Shred, Electronics, Tire, Medicine Recycling- Sunday, April 30, 9am-3pm, BCC, Paramus

6) Next meeting – February 27, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner Koebler was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary