

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481

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

Roll Call:

Present: Linda, Ammerman, Mae Bogdansk, Denise Capparelli, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Pete Melchionne, Ben Weiner
Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Alex C, Stephen C, Gregory C, Gabrielle B, Allie P, Eve N.
Green Team: MaryAnn Crawford, Stan Goodman, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the February 27, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Bogdansk Second: Weiner

Ammerman: Abstain Board Liaison Bogdansk: Y Competiello: Absent for motion Fischer: Y

Koeber: Absent for motion Lane: Y Weiner: Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Sustainable Jersey Actions for 2023 Submission- Chairwoman Fischer stated that there are currently four expired actions for a total of 45-50 points for the 2023 Re-Certification that can realistically be submitted. The next cycle due date is May 12. Ms. Fischer has requested this item to be tabled at the next meeting in April.
- b) 2023 WEC Events
 - i) Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU) will be held on Saturday, April 22, the same day as Earth Day, with a rain date of April 29. Volunteers are needed. Thank you to Commissioner Ammerman's husband for reworking the new WEC logo which will be used for the T-shirt. Volunteers to meet at 8:00am. The set up will be the day before, Friday, April 21. Volunteers needed to help with Friday setup.
 - ii) Composting Event- scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 10:00am at Russell Farms. Composters will be sold during the spring and tentative fall events for 2023. Chair will do the Backyard Composting 101 presentation followed by a Q&A. Commissioner Weiner will address answer questions in his capacity as a certified Master Gardener. Flyer was updated and posted on Township website and social media. Chairwoman Fischer will send flyers to PTO and schools.
 - iii) Shred/Recycling Day- scheduled for Saturday, April 15. Volunteers will meet at DPW at 8:15am. Mrs. Fischer will coordinate the Green Team and WEC volunteers.
 - iv) YMCA Healthy Kids Day April 22- WEC and Green Team volunteers will participate after Team Up to Tidy Up Day.
 - v) Fishing Derby- scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 8:30am. Commissioners will review suggestions from the 2022 event and report back at the April meeting.

- 2) **Grant Programs** – A Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant of \$2,000 was submitted on February 10, 2023, for signage upgrade at the Russell Farms Community Park. Award announcements will be made in April. Mrs. Fischer would like to submit an ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project grant of \$1,500 for the Eisenhower Middle school community vegetable garden. The due date for the grant is April 17. Mr. Weiner will work on a draft and Mrs. Fischer will submit a proposal to the Town Hall for approval.

- 3) **Planning Board** – Commissioner Bogdansk reported a new project involving Hackensack Meridian Urgent care application to open a facility in the Boulder Run shopping Center near the side of Stop and Shop along Godwin Avenue. Ridgewood Water will be holding a special meeting for the development of a second water treatment facility near the Cedar Hill area. Per inquiry from WEC, Maple Lake development has yet not begun.

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4) New Business

- a) FLOW Green Film Festival – Mrs. Fischer reported that the first film in the series is the April 6 screening of “The Biggest Little Farm” with guest speaker, Jim Abma, Jr. from Abma’s Farm. Flyers were posted on social media and at the library. There will also be information available on backyard composting. Passive Home Design film is scheduled for April 27, Going Circular is scheduled for May 11 with guest speaker President of Gaeta Recycling. The outdoor family movie, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, is scheduled for June 3 in Oakland.
- b) Fall Recycling/Shred Date is scheduled for Friday, September 8 at Wyckoff Community Park. Details to follow.

5) Other Business

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - Mr. Weiner reported the next HUB meeting is scheduled on April 30, hosted in Ridgewood.
- b) Wyckoff Schools- Mrs. Fischer shared that Coolidge School 5th graders participate in Earth Day activities such as clean up and planting of saplings in the woods. 3rd graders are given saplings to bring home. Washington School is awaiting estimates to redo their courtyard garden and will participate in TUTU. Lincoln School holds a raffle on how students can improve our Earth? They will participate in TUTU. Students participate in their create a flower pot event using a recyclable container. Eisenhower Middle School PTO Green Team, Interact Club and Green Nation Club will participate in TUTU and coordinate the Eisenhower garden this spring.
- c) Recycle Coach – February new subscribers - 33, 3647 total new subscribers YTD since 2018.
- d) 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
- e) Jr. Commissioners- Jr. Commissioners are currently working with Mrs. Fischer on assigned projects and mentors. Three projects will be divided among the 7 Jr. Commissioners.

- 6) Next meeting** – April 17, 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 Bogdanský was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary