

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)  
FEBRUARY 23, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 23, 2015

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Christine Key; Christopher DePhillips; Janice Reynen; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman; Susan Schilstra, Secretary.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Randy Hoogerheyde; Pete Wiederhold; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Kara Giacose, Student Member; Mary Heck, Student Member.

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
John Adams; Jim Savage; JR Frank; Francine Block

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Harriet Shugarman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Susan Schilstra:

“The February 23, 2015 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 that 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 was taken

**I** Motion was made and seconded to adopt the February 4, 2015 meeting minutes.  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
Madigan \_\_\_\_\_ Key \_\_\_\_\_ Hoogerheyde \_\_\_\_\_ DePhillips \_\_\_\_\_  
Wiederhold \_\_\_\_\_ Reynen \_\_\_\_\_ Shugarman \_\_\_\_\_

The February 4, 2015 minutes were not voted on due to lack of Commissioners present at the previous meeting.

**II** Public Comment Opportunity

Mrs. Susan Winton, Wyckoff resident, said there was only one point of view mentioned at last month's meeting on the Pilgrim Pipeline. She was in favor of the pipeline instead of having trains and barges delivering the crude oil. Chair Shugarman explained that as discussed at last month's meeting, she reached out to Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings LLC to see if they would

join an open public meeting to discuss the pipeline. She was told that Pilgrim will not be participating in any open public meetings, likely until all the paperwork on the project has been filed with the state, but that they would be meeting in smaller groups to discuss the project, as they were doing in Franklin Lakes in mid February. Commissioner DePhillips said if a resolution is adopted in support/against the pipeline by the Environmental Commission it will then be presented to the Township Committee for their point of view. Chair Shugarman reiterated that there are several websites that residents can go to for further information to learn more about the issues, including StopPilgrimPipeline.com and Pilgrim Pipeline LLC.

### **III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities & Program for 2015**

#### **UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**

- Chairwoman Shugarman reported she will need an update on the recycling rate.
- Committeeman Jepsen said the Recreation Department is pointing residents towards the Wyckoff Facebook page.

### **IV NEW BUSINESS**

#### **JUNIOR MEMBER UPDATE**

Commissioner DePhillips and Green Team Task Force Member John Adams interviewed four (4) prospective students from Ramapo, Indian Hills and Bergen Academy High Schools. They thought that all of the students were outstanding and very committed. They advised that, on a rotating monthly basis, 2 of the 4 students will be installed as Junior Members and the other 2 students will have a mentorship on the Green Team. It was agreed by the Commission that this membership process would begin immediately and a review for 2016, would take place in the fall of 2015.

#### **FILM FESTIVAL UPDATES**

Chair Shugarman said the Franklin Lakes, Oakland & Wyckoff (FLOW) Film Festival will begin the first Thursday in May and will be held indoors at the Wyckoff Public Library. Commissioner DePhillips made a motion to agree to pay \$500 of Municipal Funds from the WEC budget for the FLOW Film Festival, which was seconded by Commissioner Reynen. All in favor. Commissioner Reynen said she would like to tap into the Science Teachers and have them give credit to the High School students who attended the film festival.

#### **GREEN FAIR UPDATES**

Commissioner Reynen said the Green Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Ramapo High School where tables and booths will be set up in the cafeteria. Commissioner Reynen said that Wyckoff is moving forward with the theme "say no to plastic bags and yes to reusable bags". The Green Team representatives at each elementary school are focusing on "car idling" awareness and will have a separate but adjacent table at the Fair.

### **V OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TEAM UP TO TIDY UP (TUTU)**

Chair Shugarman said that TUTU is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015 with a rain date of Saturday, April 18, 2015. The Commissioners realized that this date couldn't be changed for

2015 and in May they will discuss changing this date for 2016 so that the Public School spring recess does not impact attendance.

Commissioner Reynen said the “say no to plastic bags, say yes to reusable bags” poster theme showcasing how to tidy up Wyckoff for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and grades 6 to 8 - 3 minute video were circulated at the schools in January. She said that one (1) three minute video was received from the Middle School and the WEC decided to extend the deadline by one week. Posters submissions were received from students at the four (4) elementary schools and a first, second and third place will be decided this evening. The 3 winner’s of the poster contest and winner for the video contest will be showcased on Channel 77 and posted on the website. The posters will be framed and put on display at town hall and the Library. Other venues for the posters and video will be discussed.

Also, Ms. Key discussed the WEC launch of a Wyckoff tote bag at the TUTU as a giveaway to the first 50 families. These bags, designed by the WEC, would then be sold within Wyckoff stores. This idea was discussed late last year with the Chamber, and Commissioners Key and Reynen will contact the Chamber prior to TUTU to follow up on rolling out this program. The proceeds will support future WEC projects.

#### **A TEN (10) MINUTE BREAK WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME SO THE COMMISSIONERS COULD VOTE ON THE POSTER CONTEST**

#### **GREEN TEAM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND APPLICATION**

Chair Shugarman said that every new applicant applying to the Green Team will go through an application process. Chair Shugarman will contact Bob Shannon to discuss the application form and suggested selection process.

#### **PILGRIM PIPELINE UPDATE**

Chair Shugarman said that Franklin Lakes has not made a formal decision on whether they will be introducing a resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. She said that 31 towns, including 26 of the 28 NJ towns that could be impacted by the proposed pipeline route, have passed resolutions against the pipeline, including Oakland, Mahwah, Parsippany, Montville, Madison and Wanaque in our area. On Wednesday, February 25, 2015 the Mayors of Chatham and Madison are holding an open public forum with state representatives and ANJEC to share their concerns about this pipeline. Chair Shugarman said this pipeline is risky for NJ with no clear benefits, and that that the choice of pipeline vs. transporting the crude oil by barge or rail, is a false one, as the pipeline company has no control over existing or future contracts that oil companies will obtain. The company has already tried to invoke eminent domain with several private land owners in the state, but since it is not a public utility, it does not have this authority. She said that 31 municipalities have voted in opposition of the pipeline in New Jersey and 11 in New York. Commissioner DePhillips said that Assemblymen Rumano and Russo have voted no to the pipeline. Chair Shugarman said that the Commissioners will make a decision on drafting a resolution for the Township Committee to review. Committeeman Jepsen said the Pilgrim Pipeline will be on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Township Committee agenda as an update. Chair Shugarman said the Northwest Bergen Mayor’s Association meeting will discuss the Pilgrim Pipeline at their April meeting.

Green Team Task Force Member Fran Block noted that at a recent Montville, NJ meeting which she attended with the Pipeline Hazardous and Hazardous Safety Administration of the US

Department of Transportation, they discussed oil pipeline oversight which is carried out by the State of New Jersey, and their review of the number of pipeline incidents.

**V      Next meeting**

Chairwoman Shugarman said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

**VI      Adjourn**

There being no further business a motion was made at 9:22 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Schilstra McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee