

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Christine Key; Randy Hoogerheyde; Pete Wiederhold; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher DePhillips; Janice Reynen; Kara Giacose, Student Member; Mary Heck, Student Member; Susan Schilstra, Secretary

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

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by:

“The February 4, 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 December 15, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Madigan Y Key Y Hoogerheyde Y DePhillips AB
Wiederhold Y Reynen AB Shugarman Y

II Public Comment Opportunity

Three (3) speakers presented information and their positions on the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project: 1. Anne Powley (Mahwah) 2. Ken Dolsky (Parsippany) 3. Margaret Bost (Mahwah) Information was shared on the possible effects of the Pipeline on the Highlands watersheds and Brunswick aquifer that supply drinking water to New Jersey communities. Ridgewood Water and Mahwah Water were identified as sole-source aquifers. Maps showing proposed route of Pipeline were presented. Discussion of 2 large pipe leaks in Montana and Colorado. Also, during Superstorm Sandy a storage tank that was constructed in the Ramapo River bed was struck by oil tankers due to the storm and caused a serious leak. Parsippany, Oakland and Mahwah have just recently passed resolutions in opposition to the Pipeline. Several towns not on the Pipeline route have also passed resolutions opposing the Pipeline. Mrs. Susan Winton, Wyckoff resident, spoke in favor of having more discussion on the issue as

well as providing opposing viewpoints. Chairwoman Shugarman agreed to reach out to Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings LLC to see if we could arrange for an open public meeting to get more information. Commissioners voiced their opinions on moving forward with arriving at a consensus position on the pipeline project for distribution to the Township Committee, with 3 Commissioners, Ms. Key, Ms Shugarman, and Mr. Madigan voicing their support for a resolution against the pipeline and with Mr. Hoogerheyde and Mr. Wiederhold looking for more information about the project. The discussion on this will continue at the next meeting so that a consensus position on this can be sent forward.

III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities & Program for 2014

UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS

Chairwoman Shugarman reported the following:

- Chair Shugarman said Commissioner De Phillips and Green Team Member John Adams will be interviewing students who submitted an interest in serving as junior members.

IV NEW BUSINESS

TEAM UP TO TIDY UP (TUTU)

Commissioner Reynen 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 cannot be changed for 2015 and in June they will discuss changing this date so that the Public School spring recess does not impact attendance.

The Commissioners discussed a “say no to plastic bags, say yes to reusable bags” poster theme showcasing how to tidy up Wyckoff for Kindergarten through 5th grade and have grades 6 to 8 submit a 3 minute video. The 3 winner’s with the poster contest and 2 winners for the video contest will be showcased on channel 77 and posted on the website. As well, the posters will be framed and put on display at town hall and the Library. This contest would be offered in January 2015 with a return deadline of February 6 and the submissions reviewed at the February 23, 2015 Commission meeting.

Also, Ms. Key suggested that the WEC launch a Wyckoff tote bag at the TUTU as a giveaway to the first 50 families. These bags, designed by the WEC, could then be sold within Wyckoff stores. Commissioners Key and Reynen will contact the Chamber of Commerce early in the New Year to present this idea. The proceeds will support future WEC projects.

V Next meeting

Chairwoman Shugarman said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

VI Adjourn

There being no further business a motion was made at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Wiederhold, Commissioner