

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
JANUARY 23, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, January 23, 2017

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; John McCauley; Randy Hoogerheyde; Denise Capparelli; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Julie Wisniewski; Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioner; Susan McQuaid, Secretary

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: JR Frank

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pete Wiederhold.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Pete Wiederhold:

“The January 23, 2017 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.

Welcome new commissioners.
Roll call was taken.

I Motion was made and seconded to adopt the December 19, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: McCauley Second: Hoogerheyde
Fortunato Y Capparelli ABS McCauley Y Key Y
Hoogerheyde Y Madigan Y Wiederhold Y

II Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017
Upcoming and Past Events

IV New Business

TUTU scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 (rain date April 8, 2017) – Need volunteers!

- Commissioner Key said the 2017 T-Shirt Design contest has started and the deadline to return the designs will be Friday, February 17, 2017 by 3 p.m. She said there will be 1 winner in each category and 1 grand prize winner. The grand prize winning logo will be used for the “Team Up to Tidy Up” 2017 T-Shirt. Commissioner Capparelli said she has completed the bookmark which reflects Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This bookmark will be provided to the community with placement at the Wyckoff Library and the 4 elementary schools and 1 middle school. 1000

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bookmarks have been ordered.

SHREDFEST – Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 9 a.m. to 11a.m. Volunteers needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- Chairman Wiederhold said volunteers will be needed and CERTS volunteer to help unload the recycle and help with traffic control.

FLOW FILM FESTIVAL

- JR Frank, Green Team Member, said he has sent out a “save the date” flyer. The dates are March 16, March 30, April 6 and April 23. The film on April 23 will be shown at Ramapo High School. The films and guest speakers are being researched.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLE – In 2016 residents recycled at a rate of 34.07%

- JR Frank, Green Team Member, noted that the single stream recycle is calculated by weight. Township Committee Representative Madigan said the township pays to the State \$3.00 per ton into a Recycle Fee & Grant Program and then at the end of the year the State give back to the town \$24,000 as a state grant.

V Old Business

MAYORS WELLNESS COMMITTEE (a component of Sustainable Jersey)

♥ February is Healthy Heart month

- Township Committee Representative Madigan said the Mayor’s Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents. The United Way application that was approved at the Planning Board meeting on November 9, 2016 is also part of the Mayor Wellness Committee.

PILGRIM PIPELINE

Township Committee Representative Madigan said a resolution was passed by the Township of Wyckoff.

WEC/WGT WEBPAGE, FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNT - Update

As of December 30th, the WEC web page was updated and reformatted by Krista, Special Projects Coordinator. The webpage was renamed the Environmental Commission/Green Team. The following information was added to the page; Environmental Commissioner’s names, Meeting Dates, WGT Task Forces, SJ Certification dates, FLOW Film Festival flyer, BCUA HHHW 2017 Schedule. Photo’s from the SJ Silver Award recognition in Atlantic City and the SJ Silver Award recognition at the Township Committee December 2016 Meeting. At the bottom of the page are links to the Township’s FB and Twitter accounts which we can post information to be grouped as part of the “Local Government” FB page. This is a multi-department FB page. Instagram - Bob Shannon will manage site. All content wished to be posted must be sent in an as-ready to post format to Krista. All post requests will need to be approved by Bob Shannon and will be posted by Krista.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT – Update

Commissioner Fortunato and Commission McCauley said the committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 and have begun the process of updating the Natural Resource Inventory book. They advised an environmental expert will need to be contracted to complete this project.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS PROJECTS – Update

Andrew Sanders gave his presentation on the analysis of Ramapo's water quality and consumption. He said 3 new refillable water bottle stations were installed at Ramapo High School which are sensor activated and have carbon filters. He said the existing water fountains are not filtered. He surveyed the student population and received 80 responses. He found that the students were concerned with monetary investment to improve the water stations, the taste of the water and how many times a polyethylene bottle can be refilled verse carrying a refillable metal container to school. Andrew recommended that more water stations be places around the activity areas of the High School. The commissioners highly recommended that Andrew show his presentation around the school to the students and faculty.

Julie Wisniewski gave her presentation on Global warming and climate change. She said her goal was to teach students about important environmental issues to all grades through a coloring sheet, web quest and 7 minute video for older students and how they can help with global warming and climate change.

The Commissioners thanked the Junior Members for their presentations and their help throughout the year with WEC projects.

VI Green Team Task Force Updates

1. Green Team Task Force Reports

- a. Community
- b. Building and Energy
- c. Land Use and Local Business
- d. Waste Management, Operations and Facilities
- e. Media and Press Relations

- Commissioner Key advised the Commissioners of the January update from Beth Fischer, WGT member, Sicomac Green liaison. She said that Sicomac School is currently collecting small electronics for recycling through Planet Green. A portion will go to support Habitat for Humanity. She added that Sicomac School was selected as a top collector by TerraCycle in the Entenmann's little bites program. The green ambassadors are going to be featured by TerraCycle in local media outlets for their efforts.
- Vice Chair Wiederhold said new Junior Members will need to be recruited for the year 2017.

VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

VIII Next meeting – February 27, 2017

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee