

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
NOVEMBER 16, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Janice Reynen; Pete Wiederhold; Christopher DePhillips; Christine Key; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Kirsten Skead, Student Member; Jeremy Swenson, Student Member; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Yoonsun Choi, Student Member; Tess Walpole, Student Member; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman.

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; JR Frank; Fran Block; Jim Savage.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Harriet Shugarman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Chris DePhillips:

“The November 16, 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 September 21, 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion: Reynen Second: Wiederhold
Madigan ABS Key Y Hoogerheyde Y DePhillips Y
Wiederhold Y Reynen Y Shugarman Y

II Public Comment Opportunity

No Comments

III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2015

Upcoming and Past Events

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- Chair Shugarman said that on Friday, October 9, 2015 ANJEC awarded the 3 town FLOW alliance, which coordinates the FLOW Green Film Festival, an Environmental Achievement Award. JR Frank informed the Commission that the 2016 Green Film Festival committee is considering changing the program, offering the films in the month of April with 2 films on Thursday evenings and 2 films on Sunday afternoons to encourage greater participation.
- The Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms was launched on Tuesday, October 20 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. Commissioner Key said the Girl Scouts gave a special presentation. Chair Shugarman said as stated in the ANJEC grant, a significant percentage of the \$1,500 grant will go towards the monarch butterfly brochures.
- The Wyckoff Shredfest, a town wide opportunity for residents to recycle their personal paper documents through shredding, was held on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Commissioner Wiederhold and Commissioner Hoogerheyde reported there was a great turnout of volunteers and approximately 270+ cars came through the line with materials to be shredded.

IV New Business

- The Committee discussed the need to update the 1995 Natural Resource Inventory for Wyckoff and was informed by the Township Administrator after review of the referendum question that, the Open Space Fund Ordinance does not allow for funds to be used to fund a consultant to write an Environment Resource Inventory. Chairman Shugarman asked the Commissioners to share their views and specific recommendations on a Natural Resources Inventory. With the assistance of Commissioner DePhillips, the WEC made the following two recommendations to the Township Committee: a request that the Township Committee update the 1995 natural resource inventory and that the WEC be consulted and provide input while the inventory is being written. Also, in the future the WEC would like to be consulted with respect to the expenditure of Open Space Funds or any proposed expenditures that would be permitted under the Open Space Fund. Commissioner Reynen seconded this motion.
- The Commission also had brief discussions on the lack of a tree ordinance in the Township. This issue will be tabled for a further discussion in the New Year.
- Commissioner Reynen revisited an earlier discussion regarding limited public information on what travels on freight trains passing through the township.

IV Planning Board Update – None

VIII Next meeting

Chair Shugarman said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. She asked that the Commissioners meet at 7 p.m. to hear the student member presentations. Green Team Member John Adams said he will coordinate the presentations.

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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