

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November Public Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 19, 2018
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners: Denise Capparelli, Celeste Homyachak, Matt Cascio, Peter Melchionne, Robert Fortunato: Planning Board Liaison, Tom Madigan: Committeeman, Jasmine Ho: Junior Member Indian Hills; Allison Sassano: Junior Member Ramapo; Alex Sullivan: Junior Member Ramapo; Nick Rea: Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell: Junior Member Ramapo

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Christine Key, Randy Hoogerheyde,

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: JR Frank

PUBLIC PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Melchionne.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Peter Melchionne:

"The November 19, 2018 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING

Motion: _____ Fortunato _____ Second: _____ Homyachak _____
Fortunato Y _____ Melchionne Y _____ Homyachak Y Capparelli Y _____
Cascio Y _____ Key AB _____ Hoogerheyde AB _____ Madigan Y _____

I. PRIORITY ITEMS:

1. NEW & IMPROVED RECYCLING DUAL STREAM CURBSIDE COLLECTION/"

Dualing Days Challenge" updates & feedback - Committeeman Madigan reported on the town's "Dual Days" Recycling Challenge for October with Team Tuesday leading the way with 90.4 tons of recyclables vs. Team Monday recycling of 86.6 tons.

Commissioner Capparelli presented solid waste disposal tonnage for the month of October 2018 at 450.34 tons vs. 440.68 tons for 2017, a 2.2% increase. The total amount of tons from July-Oct. 2018 at 1,824.65 tons vs. 1,840.20 tons in 2017 shows an overall decrease in solid waste of less than 1% since the introduction of Dual Stream recycling.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT – UPDATE

Commissioner Capparelli reported that the ERI Recycling Section is being updated to include the Dual Stream Recycling initiatives. The ERI cover page will be designed by Rocket Graphics. Commissioner

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Capparelli will add some GIS information from SJ/ANJEC sources per SJ requirements and distribute to subcommittee members for approval. Maps from Boswell Engineering were included this past year.

3. SUSTAINABLE JERSEY RECERTIFICATION - GENERAL UPDATE.

Commissioner Homyachak reported for Commissioner Key: SJ ReCertification project is now in Phase 4 - Information Gathering. We have dropped several NEW actions. Four (4)NEW categories; (assigned to Team Member, Reviewing Action, Info Gathering, Info Submitted, Revising, Completed) will help to track progress of each Task Force.

4. JR. STUDENT COMMISSIONER PROGRAM 2019

Jr. Commissioner Subcommittee members: Commissioner Cascio, Fortunato and Committeeman Madigan interviewed 3 new prospective Jr. Commissioners: John Cannizzo, Chris Keary and Jack Stathis. Interviews for Campbell Moses, Savannah Nowak and the existing Jr Members for 2019 are still in progress. The meeting interviews will be complete by the December meeting.

II. TASK FORCE ITEMS:

1. COMMUNITY - Partnership and Outreach, Diversity & Equity, Health and Wellness, Food, Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation. Commissioner Key, Commissioner Cascio, Commissioner Homyachak, John Adams, Beth Fischer.

1. Green Team Volunteers – no updates

2. Bergen H.U.B. - Update – Commissioner Homyachak reported for Commissioner Key that the next H.U.B. meeting is November 27, 2018 at the Hillsdale Public Library 7-8:30pm.

Terra Cycle is now accepting “K” cups for recycling

Plastic Bag Ban Update - Bill No. 2776 Sponsored by: Senator Bob Smith and Senator Linda R..

Greenstein. The bill prohibits the use of plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene, and single-use plastic straws. Email sent to all Commissioners/WGT with additional information.

Bergen HUB is now discussing a Food Waste Composting Collection - it's a NEW Composting Pilot Program with Community Compost Company. They will be attending the November Bergen HUB meeting to give a short presentation and Q&A session. Mr. Madigan will investigate if funds are available to support this pilot program (a proposal needs to be provided explaining all details)

3. Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report – No current updates

4. Mayor's Wellness Committee (a component of Sustainable Jersey) - Commissioner Homyachak said that the Mayor's Wellness website posted healthy eating tips for this Thanksgiving holiday season.

5. Commissioner Homyachak reported that the WEC website **page made some updates.**

6. Monarch Butterfly Garden - signage/text – Related information shared from W. Roscia, per C. Key

- Sign and text have been reviewed by Janice Reynen (past Commissioner and graphic artist) and Harriet Shugarman (past WEC Chair and lead on project with Wendy R.).
- **JR Frank researched an acrylic clear brochure box that would hold 100 brochures for a cost of \$11.00. A separate post will be required for the brochure holder.**

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- Commissioner Capparelli said they have been in touch with Wendy and are awaiting final approved artwork for the sign. Commissioner Capparelli will coordinate ordering of signage and posts and construction with DPW in the spring. The Township recommended adding a QR reader code to provide immediate access for residents to the Monarch Butterfly brochure on smart phones and digital devices.

2. BUILDING AND ENERGY - Energy Efficiency, Green House Gas/Municipal Carbon Footprint, Green Design, Innovative Demonstration Projects. *Commissioner Capparelli, Commissioner Robert Fortunato, Commissioner Hoogerheyde, JR Frank, Mark Niederman, Ryan Lewis.* Commissioner Capparelli reported she will be working with the Town Hall Administrator and staff to update various Building/Energy actions after the new year. She will also coordinate with Task Force 2 members before the next meeting.

3. LAND USE AND LOCAL BUSINESS - Land Use & Transportation, Local Economies, Natural Resources, and Animals in the Community. *Commissioner Robert Fortunato, Commissioner Hoogerheyde, Commissioner Melchionne, Ryan Lewis, Dan O'Connell, Alex Sullivan.* Jr. Commissioner, Dan O'Connell, is working on Actions #47N, 51N, 52N - Dan mentioned that he needs more information on fleet vehicles such as annual odometer readings and mileage. Dan will follow up with Commissioner Melchionne. Committeeman Madigan will follow up with Mr. Shannon

4. WASTE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES – Commissioner Melchionne, Commissioner Capparelli, Commissioner Cascio, John Adams, Nick Rea, Allison Sassano, Jasmine Ho.

- Green Team volunteer, John Adams, reported that he is working on the Waste Reduction and Recycling Compliance Action 143 and hopes to earn the full points. He is investigating up to 3 new categories for items currently non-mandated (Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), aka packaging "Styrofoam", not including packing peanuts, ancillary plastic closures for bottle and containers and expired smoke detectors containing radioactive elements for ionization source.
- Action Item 137: Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance, a priority worth 15 points, requires inspection and compliance measures to educate the public on how to reduce waste.
- Commissioner Melchionne and Commissioner Capparelli will work with Township Administrator on updating the expired actions.

5 MEDIA AND PRESS RELATIONS – *Commissioner Homyachak, Commissioner Key.* Commissioner Homyachak reported that Jr Commissioner Nick Rea's **Spring** Newsletter had been posted on the Environmental Commission webpage. **The final Fall Newsletter will be added.**

III. OTHER ITEMS:

1. JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECT UPDATES

- Junior Commissioner Nick Rea is working on Actions #141N, #145N – no updates
- Junior Commissioner Jasmine Ho is working on Action #150C - Reusable Bag Education Program. She is waiting to hear back from Stop and Shop regarding the reusable tote. She needs \$200 for 50 re-usable bags. Chairman Melchionne suggested she contact Blue Moon and the Chamber of Commerce for donations.
- Junior Commissioner Allison Sassano is working on Action #137N - Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance (up to 20 pts). She is awaiting response from the maintenance staff at Ramapo High School regarding her project.
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- Jr. Commissioner Dan O'Connor is working on completing the Fleet Inventory spreadsheet. He is following up with Commissioner Melchionne and Madigan.
 - J. Commissioner Alex Sullivan has stated his project is complete. Alex presented his anti-idling keychains and brochures to the Commissioners.
 - Committeeman Madigan discussed with Jr. Commissioners any necessary audio/visual equipment for their presentations at the December WEC meeting at the library
2. Committeeman Madigan confirmed commencing in 2019, the meeting time will change to 7:00pm to accommodate the new schedule - Business Meeting followed by SJ Task Force breakout sessions.
 3. Green Team Volunteer JR Frank presented his Best Practices for Sustainable Building to the commission. He provided a copy to Commissioner Fortunato for further review.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

FALL SHRED FEST - Committeeman Madigan reported this event went well. There was a lower turnout than the spring event. Approximately 200 residents deposited nearly 4,000 lbs. (almost 2 tons) of paper. Residents also deposited 32 lbs. of unused or expired medicine in the Wyckoff Police Department mobile collection bin.

Commissioner Homyachek on behalf of Commissioner Key stated that Grant money is needed for Reusable Bag Give-a-ways. Mr. Madigan will advise.

RECYCLE COACH - Commissioner Capparelli reported that there were 84 new subscribers for the month of October with a year to date total of 815 subscribers since inception in August.

GRANT MONEY- Commissioner Capparelli gave an update on Sustainable Jersey's 2019 New Funding available for Municipalities and Schools. Grants totaling up to \$200,000 for municipalities and \$100,000 for schools will be available. The deadline is February 15, 2019.

V. PLANNING BOARD UPDATE - Robert Fortunato

Commissioner Fortunato reported the recent low income housing settlement will result in re-zoning of overlay districts to meet the Affordable Housing 15% set-aside requirement. He stated 5 acres of the Maple Lake property will be developed and 61 homes will be built with nine (9) for Affordable housing. The remaining 21 acres will be acquired as open space property by the Township.

VI. NEXT MEETING – December 17, 2018 to be held in the Monroe Room at the Library. We will have a holiday gathering after our meeting and student presentations.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Capparelli, Commissioner/Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee