

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Public Business Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2018**

**DATE:** Monday, December 17, 2018  
**TIME** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Wyckoff Public Library

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners: Denise Capparelli, Matt Cascio, Robert Fortunato (Planning Board Liaison), Celeste Homyachak, Christine Key, Tom Madigan (Township Committeeman), Peter Melchionne,

**Jr Commissioners:** Jasmine Ho: Indian Hills; Dan O'Connell: Ramapo, Nick Rea: Bergen Academies, Allison Sassano: Ramapo; Alex Sullivan: Ramapo

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Randy Hoogerheyde

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS PRESENT:** John Adams, Beth Fisher, JR Frank

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Peter Weiderhold, parents of Jr. Commissioners

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Commissioner Melchionne after commencement of Jr. Environmental Commissioner presentations

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Commissioner Peter Melchionne:

"The December 17, 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING as amended**

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

**PRIORITY ITEMS:**

1. Sustainable Jersey Recertification - Due to the holiday meeting and Jr. presentations, most of the Task Force updates have been extended until the January 28, 2019 meeting.
2. Environmental Resource Inventory project – 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. The anticipated production of the ERI will be early 2019. Commissioner Capparelli noted that the 2019 Resident Calendar, depicting components of the ERI, was been mailed to residents the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. Sustainable Jersey 2019 Grant Program - Commissioner Capparelli asked WEC members for suggestions/projects to apply for PSEG grant funding. Commissioner Key is working with SJ

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Bergen Hub in developing a proposal for a Community Compost program. The lead municipality would apply for the \$10,000/\$20,000 grant funds to fund a residential drop off program for 6 local communities. Commissioner Key will provide details and a proposal for the January meeting. Commissioner Fortunato will be assisting Jr. Commissioner Jasmine Ho in applying for the \$2,000 grant to fund the purchase of reusable plastic shopping bags. Ms. Ho's plastic bag recycling project will be used toward SJ Action points for the 2019 Re-certification.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Jr. Commissioners presented their year-end projects to the Commissioners, Green Team Volunteers, parents and guests. Environmental Commissioner and Township Committee Liaison Mr. Madigan thanked Jr. Commissioners for a job well done on their presentations, presented them with certificates and wished best of luck to the graduating seniors: Alex Sullivan and Allison Sassano, who will be attending college next year. Student presentation are as follows:
  - a. Alex Sullivan- Anti-Idling video
  - b. Allison Sassano - School Recycling Slide Presentation
  - c. Jasmine Ho- Plastic Bags Slide Presentation
  - d. Nick Rea – 2018 Fall Newsletter Overview
  - e. Dan O'Connell - Electric Vehicles
2. Commissioners Madigan, Melchionne and Cascio welcomed new 2019 Jr. members John Cannizzo, Ashley Park and Camille Dash.
3. Green Team volunteer JR. Frank inquired about interest in the 2019 Green Film Festival. He will be investigating costs for the 2019 program.
4. Township Committee Liaison Mr. 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.

#### **PLANNING BOARD UPDATE - Robert Fortunato**

No updates

**NEXT MEETING** – January 28, 2019 at **7:00pm** to be held in the Ladder Back Room, Second Fl. Town Hall.

#### **TASK FORCE ITEMS:**

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

1. Green Team Volunteers – no update
2. Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report – no update
3. Mayor's Wellness Committee (a component of Sustainable Jersey) – no update
4. Monarch Butterfly Garden - signage/text
  - Commissioner Capparelli said she has been in touch with Wendy Rosica and is 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 the sign to provide immediate access to the Monarch Butterfly brochure on smart phones and digital devices.

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- Commissioner Key stated that previous meetings discussed purchasing a tri-fold outdoor brochure holder, as researched by Green Team volunteer, JR Frank, for the Butterfly brochures. Commissioner Key will forward information to Ms. Capparelli
- During discussion on the revisions of the minutes, Commissioner Key stated that the QR code reader linking to the MB brochure may be a concern as we have many, many Butterfly Brochures in inventory to distribute. The QR code reader may deter people from actually taking the brochures.

**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.*  
No current updates

**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*  
Jr. Commissioner, Dan O'Connell, is working on Actions #47N, 51N, 52N –  
No current updates

**4. WASTE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES** – Commissioner Melchionne, Commissioner Capparelli, Commissioner Cascio, John Adams, Nick Rea,, Jasmine Ho.  
No current updates

**5 MEDIA AND PRESS RELATIONS** – *Commissioner Hodaychak, Commissioner Key.*  
Commissioner Hodaychak reported that Jr Commissioner Nick Rea's Fall Newsletter has been posted on the Environmental Commission webpage

**Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.  
All in favor.

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