

# WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## June Public Business Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, June 18, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Key; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Denise Capparelli; Celeste Homaychak; Peter Melchionne; Matt Cascio; Robert Shannon, Township Administrator; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Alex Sullivan, Junior Member Ramapo; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Jasmine Ho, Junior Member Indian Hills; Susan McQuaid, Secretary. Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison arrived at 7:40 p.m.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Randy Hoogerheyde; Allison Sassano, Junior Member Ramapo

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS:** Ryan Lewis; Beth Fischer; Mark Niederman; JR Frank

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Township Committeeman Tom Madigan.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Tom Madigan:

"The June 18, 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 May 21, 2018 meeting

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

### Priority Items

1. New & Improved Recycling curbside collection process to comply with new market realities. Township Administrator Robert Shannon said the township must have a regional market. China, one of the largest importers of recyclable materials, has advised U.S. recycling markets that truckloads of recyclables will be rejected if they include prohibited contaminated items. Unacceptable recyclables will be re-directed to garbage and trash disposal at a considerably higher cost to taxpayers. He said that dual stream recycling is recommended and will be implemented immediately. Commissioner Homaychak suggested that a separate recycle mailer be sent to each household detailing the new dual stream policy. Green Team Task Force volunteer Beth Fischer suggested she will speak at the back to school night in September or October about the dual stream recycling to the parents. She will ask Dr. Kuder for approval for her to speak at this event. Commissioner Madigan said we will need a source of getting this

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information out to the public. He commented that the goal is to make it clear that dual recycling is new and easy and the key is solid waste cost avoidance which affects dollars expended or saved. Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo, suggested having a trash can drummer to promote dual stream recycle. Mr. Shannon said the Recycling Team working on solving this problem consists of Scott Fisher, MaryEllen Tafrate, Denise Capparelli, Nancy Cole and Bob Shannon. The Environmental Commission endorsed to switch to dual stream to address this global problem.

#### **2. Environmental Resource Inventory Project – Update**

Commissioner Capparelli said the ERI will need to be submitted next year. It will be completed this year. Boswell Engineering was able to supply maps for the project. Ten (10) hard copies will be made and it will also be available electronically. Commissioner Madigan suggested making changes to the recycle section of the ERI by adding dual recycling through sustainable jersey. The Township of Wyckoff 2019 calendar will feature highlights of the ERI. Commissioner Key requested Commissioner Capparelli share the feedback from the ERI DEP reviewer with the rest of the subcommittee.

#### **3. Sustainable Jersey – Certification renewal progress/time line/process**

Commissioner Capparelli said she is going to formulate a master tracking list of Sustainable Jersey actions that have expired and designate Commissioners to update them. The deadline is June of 2019. Commissioner Key suggested and it was agreed to use the Sustainable Jersey Task Force Volunteers. There was discussion that a Sustainable Jersey Recertification Subcommittee be formed with Commissioners Capparelli, Homaychak and Key (others interested in contributing are welcome) to discuss and layout an action plan using the Task Forces to assign the Sustainable Jersey actions tasks before the tracking sheet was distributed.

#### **4. Agenda - NEW Format will help with Sustainable Jersey Project**

#### **5. NJ Plastic Bag Ban – Valerie Huttie**

Assemblywoman District 36 Valerie Huttie introduced Bill 3267 which would establish a fee on single-use carryout bags used in certain stores and dedicates fee revenue to “Healthy Schools and Community Lead Abatement Fund.” Commissioner Key said that several towns are supporting this bill and folks are asked to reach out to their Assemblymen/women to ask them to cosponsor the bill.

#### **6. 2019 WEC Calendar Dates**

The Commissioners noted that the Team Up to Tidy Up date is scheduled the weekend the school spring break starts. Commissioner Madigan will clarify this date with Bob Shannon and the project team performing this function.

### **Task Force Items**

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

#### **1. Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2018 - Upcoming and Past Events**

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2. Green Team volunteers – initiative for new members - Commissioner Key  
Commissioner Key said that 4 new people signed up to become Green Team volunteers at the Wyckoff Day booth.

3. Wyckoff Day – Commissioner Homyachak, Robert Fortunato  
Commissioner Homyachak said that many people attended Wyckoff Day. The handouts this year were the student Junior Commissioner's 2017 projects which included a Composting Trifold and Climate Change Infographic. Many people took brochures and extra T-shirts from TUTU. She said the organizers of this event were very helpful with setting up the booth. Commissioner Key added that a resident from Mahwah won the raffle for the composter. John Adams invited the winner to attend the WEC/WGT meeting to be presented with the composter. Unfortunately there was a delay and the winner had to leave so Commissioner Fortunato offered to deliver the composter. The inventory was count by Junior Member Nick Rea and Dan O'Connell and reported as: Trifold Composting = 153; Infor Graphic Climate Change = 221; Butterfly Brochure = 1401; TUTU 2018 T-shirts = 29 (size M). She added that 8 Wyckoff Signature bags were sold at Wyckoff Day. Commissioner submitted the funds to Secretary McQuaid and she will have the Wyckoff CFO deposit the funds.

4. Bergen H.U.B. - Update – Commissioner Key, John Adams  
Commissioner Key said in the absence of John Adams that he sent in a proposal today for an event which will happen in September. There will be a County Wide Styrofoam drive in Bergen County on September 22, 2018; there will be three collection sites in Bergen County for the event John is proposing. Wyckoff to be considered for one of the locations. This is a one day pilot program. Sustainable Jersey is offering H.U.B. grants in the amount of \$1000 - \$10,000 which the committee is hoping to apply for and use towards the Styrofoam event. The grant deadline is August 29<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be announced on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

5. Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report - Commissioner Key, Beth Fischer  
Green Team Task Force volunteer Beth Fischer updated the WEC on all the projects that are being done at the elementary and middle schools. The WEC thanked Beth for all that she does with endorsing recycling throughout the towns.

6. Mayor's Wellness Committee (a component of Sustainable Jersey) – Commissioner Homyachak  
Commissioner Homyachak said there was a wellness program with games at Wyckoff Day. She said the Mayor's Wellness Committee also sponsors Movies at Memorial during the summer months. There is a Facebook page called the Wyckoff Mayor's Wellness Campaign that is updated weekly.

7. Summer Internship Program - Verona Internship Video  
Commissioner Key said that several towns in the H.U.B. are starting summer internship programs. Glen Rock received 20 applications and Leonia received 9 applications and will accept 3. Leonia's summer interns will work on a Recycling Video modeled after the Verona Recycling Video.

**#2 - BUILDING AND ENERGY** - Energy Efficiency, Green House Gas/Municipal Carbon Footprint,

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Green Design, Innovative Demonstration Projects. Robert Fortunato, JR Frank (Commissioner Hoogerheyde)

1. NJ Clean Energy Program – Home Energy Audit Program  
This program remains on hold.

2. June Bergen HUB Steering Committee Meeting (June 7) in Glen Rock – Commissioner Key  
The topic discussed was the GREA – Glen Rock Renewable Energy Aggregation – Greener and Cheaper Energy. Rates are not favorable at this time so DEAL Team will wait on moving forward on this project. The HUB will continue with summer meetings. A new subcommittee will be formed to discuss the reduction of plastic bags and straws. Next HUB meeting will be August 1, 2018 with Oradell hosting.

**#3 - LAND USE AND LOCAL BUSINESS** - Land Use & Transportation, Local Economies, Natural Resources, Animals in the Community. Robert Fortunato, Commissioner Melchionne, (Commissioner Hoogerheyde)

1. Monarch Butterfly Garden - signage - JR Frank

**#4 - WASTE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES** – Commissioner Capparelli, Commissioner Melchionne, John Adams, Beth Fischer, (Commissioner Hoogerheyde)

1. NEW recycling rules.

Township Administrator Shannon discussed the global forces impacting single stream and the need to switch to dual stream recycling at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Bergen H.U.B. - Styrofoam Education & Recycling Update - John Adams

3. Next Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Sunday, June 24, 2018 in Paramus.

**#5 - MEDIA AND PRESS RELATIONS** – Commissioner Key, Commissioner Homyachak

1. Recylcometer – Update

Commissioner Key said the May percentage is 32.94% and last year it was 34.96%

2. WEC website/Facebook/Twitter – Update

### **Other Items**

1. Junior Members

a. 2017 Junior Member's presented at the Township Committee on June 4th – report  
The Township Committee enjoyed the presentation by Nick Rea and Dan O'Connell at the June 4, 2018 Township Committee meeting.

b. 2018 Junior Member Project Updates

Dan O'Connell continues to research his project. Nick Rea sent out a draft letter and is in the staging of finalizing his project. Jasmine Ho is using a new protocol for recycling by recycling dead tennis balls into an underlayment for tennis courts. Alex Sullivan wrote a script with his voice over. He will email it to the WEC for suggestions.

2. 2018 NJ Sustainability Summit is this week, June 21, 2018 at the College of New Jersey. Keynote speaker First Lady Tammy Snyder Murphy. Past/present volunteers attending are Harriet Shugarman, John Adams, Commissioner Capparelli and Commissioner Key.

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### **Old Business**

1. White goods, vegetative waste and Shred Fest Numbers - how do they effect the recycling rate reported each month? Commissioner Capparelli stated that white goods and vegetative waste are all part of Wyckoff Recycling although not part of our curbside recycling and are not included in the recycling rate posted monthly on the recylcometer.

### **Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato**

Commissioner Fortunato said there were no updates to report.

### **Next meeting – July 16, 2018**

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to cancel the July 16, 2018 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2018.

### **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,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee