

# WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## September Public Business Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, September 17, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Key; Celeste Homyachak; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison (arrived at 7:40 p.m.); Allison Sassano, Junior Member Ramapo; Alex Sullivan, Junior Member Ramapo; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde; Peter Melchionne; Matt Cascio; Jasmine Ho, Junior Member Indian Hills; Tom Madigan, Committeeman.

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS:** Beth Fischer; JR Frank; RHS student John Cannizzo

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

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Robert Fortunato:

"The September 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 August 20, 2018 meeting

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

### Priority Items

1. New & Improved Recycling dual stream curbside collection- updates & feedback - Commissioner Key said she will send Bob Shannon an email regarding specific categories within the new dual stream curbside collection that will address questions and concerns of some of the Wyckoff residents raised at the Recycling Road Shows (visits with parents on back to school nights). Questions included waxed cartons, gable topped cartons and schools & business recycling. Commissioner Key said Commissioner Capparelli reported that 2,740 residents have downloaded the recycle coach app on their electronic devices. She also said that 500 blue recycling bins will be available for \$20.00.

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Commissioner Key said as noted in the August Minutes, Wyckoff resident Dennis Pikaard, said the website is not designed to print just one page of the email and all 14 pages are printed. He suggested the Wyckoff webpage be reformatted to obtain this action. Commissioner Capparelli said she would look into this. Commissioner Melchionne said a "printer friendly version" of the PDF can be added to the email blast. Commissioner Key would like to follow up as to if this request is possible and will be adjusted soon? JR Frank suggested that a weekly recycling competition by school district be considered; he also suggested a prize be given to promote recycling (however he did not state who would pay for the prizes).

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

Commissioner Key said, there are no updates from Commissioner Capparelli.

#### **3. Sustainable Jersey Recertification - General update. (T.F. updates below)**

Commissioner Key said we are currently in Phase 3 - Reviewing NEW suggested actions and a decisions must be made by September EOM. Also that Task Force 1 and 5 have met to go over their certification status. Task Force 2, 3 and 4 still need to meet. Commissioner Key and Commissioner Homaychak said they have met with the Junior Members to review their participation in the SJ program as it relates to their projects

#### **4. Fall Shred Fest**

Commissioner Key said the date for this event is in October. Commissioners will need to sign up so they can help at this event.

#### **5. Jr Student Commissioner Program 2019**

Commissioner Key said the third week of October is the deadline for submission of Junior Member applications. Interviews will begin in early November and then the new Commissioners will be introduced at the December meeting. The current Junior Members will place the student commissioner information on schoology and through the Environmental Club. Commissioner Key asked for a subcommittee for the interview process. She said that Tom Madigan and Matt Cascio have offered to help. Commissioner Fortunato also extended assistance with this program. Commissioner Key introduced John Cannizzo, Ramapo High School student who is in attendance this evening to see how the Environmental Commission operates. Commissioner Key invited the junior member to work at the Shredfest.

### **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. Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2018**

Commissioner Key said the Sustainable Jersey grant being offered is geared towards energy. She said the deadline to submit is October 30, 2018.

#### **1. Green Team Volunteers – new members? Commissioner Key**

Commissioner Key said there is no update.

#### **3. Bergen H.U.B. - Update – Commissioner Key**

Commissioner Key said the next H.U.B. meeting is September 24, 2018 in Glen Rock. She added that they are working on a Styrofoam drive. Commissioner Key said the Bergen HUB is

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discussing 2 pilot programs; Food Waste Collection and Styrofoam Reduction/Ban for their Grant programs.

4. Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report - Commissioner Key, Beth Fischer  
Green Team Member Beth Fischer said she has confirmed chairpeople at each school except for Washington which she hopes to have confirmed shortly. She said the schools are updating their recycling pledges; eblasting green team announcements each week and starting green ambassadors along with harvesting vegetablew from the community gareden at Eisdenhower School. A giant mural made out of soda cans is on display and a new one will be displayed outside the nedia center made out of books. She said she met with the new Rabi about Green Faith which will involve the Hebrew School and Pre School at Beth Rishon.

5. Mayor's Wellness Committee (a component of Sustainable Jersey)  
Commissioner Homaychak said on August 31 there was a program about vaping and how to say no to peer pressure.

6. Summer Internship Program for 2018. Commissioner Key said she further discussed with Mr. Madigan and it was determined that we start discussing the program in early January for summer of 2019.

7. Monarch Butterfly Garden - signage/text - Beth/Wendy  
Beth Fischer said there is nothing to report at this time, other than she is working on finalizing the text to be used. The sign must be ordered and a water proof display case for the Butterfly trifold, ordered as well.

8. SJ Recertification Task Force #1 Updates - Lead: Commissioner Key, Commissioner Cascio  
Commissioner Key said that 6 certified actions need to be updated. Commissioner Cascio is taking on a NEW action #7 - Creative Team, he needs a team of 6 volunteers, if anyone is interested please reach out to Commissioner Cascio. He has reached out to the YMCA as a community partner and received positive feedback. Junior Member Alex Sullivan is working on Action #67N anti-idling, and is researching a location to film cars idling. Alex asked Mrs. Fischer if she would ask Mr. Ramio, Sicomac School principal, Mrs. Fischer agreed and would advise. He will be submitting a video presentation and has ordered bookmarks and anti-idling brochures.

Commissioner Homaychak reported that she has an agreement via email from Mrs. Rooney to handle the action pertaining to Animals.

**#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.*

1. NJ Clean Energy Program – Home Energy Audit Program - SJ action points – Mark Niederman.

Commissioner Key said that Mark Niederman has agreed to work on this action.

2. Sept. Bergen HUB Steering Committee Meeting, Sept. 24th, host Glen Rock – John Adams

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3. SJ Recertification Task Force #2 Updates - Lead: Commissioner Capparelli. No updates to date.

**#3 - LAND USE AND LOCAL BUSINESS** - Land Use & Transportation, Local Economies, Natural Resources, Animals in the Community. *Commissioner Robert Fortunato, Commissioner Hoogerheyde, Commissioner Melchionne, Ryan Lewis, Dan O'Connell, Alex Sullivan.*

1. SJ Recertification Task Force #3 Updates - Lead: Commissioner Robert Fortunato  
Commissioner Fortunato indicated he will meet with his Task Force soon.  
Student Dan O'Connell is working on Actions #47N, 51N, 52N - Daniel indicated that he sent a spreadsheet on 9/17 to Mr. Shannon regarding the township's fleet of vehicles and requested a meeting with Mr. Shannon or the appropriate person to discuss the project and the information needed.

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

1. Bergen H.U.B. - Styro Education & Recycling Update - John Adams  
Commissioner Key said there will be a Bergen HUB Styrofoam collection in Leonia on Saturday, September 22 and on Sunday, September 23 in Glen Rock, all towns in Bergen County are invited to attend.

2. HHW - No collections for July/Aug. Next collections: Sept. 8 in Mahwah, Oct. 14, Nov. 17  
Commissioner Key said the next Hazardous Household Waste day will be Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Paramus at the Bergen County Community College from 9 to 3.

3. NJ Plastic Bag Ban - Huttle, ANJEC, State Ban  
Commissioner Key said the NJ Governor has vetoed the bill and ANJEC is going to respond to the veto. She suggested that towns should pass their own resolution.

4. SJ Recertification Task Force #4 Updates - Lead: Commissioner Melchionne -  
There were no updates as Commissioner Melchionne was not in attendance.  
Junior Commissioner Nick Rea is working on Actions #141N, #145N - he sent an email to Mayor Scanlon on 9/16/18 regarding explanation and interest of the food waste collection program. This program would be a pilot program in which the town designates a small area of high food waste concentration, such as a specific neighborhood, strip mall, or school, and collects food waste from this location for a period of time.  
Junior Commissioner Jasmine Ho is working on Action #150C - Reusable Bag Education Program. Jasmine was not in attendance.  
Junior Commissioner Allison Sassano is working on Action #137N - Recycling & Waste Reduction Education & Compliance (up to 20 pts). She sent out a survey regarding recycling to the students and received 47 responses. She will continue with the survey and report the findings in an infographic piece.

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

1. Recylcometer – Update

Commissioner Key said she did not receive any percentage this month.

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#### **2. WEC website/Facebook/Twitter – Update**

Commissioner Key said the WEC requested, in early August, for a link for Sustainable Jersey HUB on the website. It has not yet been placed on the website. SJ Bergen HUB Styrofoam Drive Flyer was given to Commissioner Capparelli by Green Team Volunteer John Adams at the August Meeting, to post in an effort to advertise and support the event. As of the meeting date the flyer had not been posted.

Commissioner Homaychak reported that she emailed Mr. Shannon and he provided a background memo on recycling which she will use to reply to posts on the Wyckoff Moms Page on Social Media. She has been answering naysayers one-on-one in private FB messenger.

#### **3. SJ Recertification Task Force #5 Updates - Lead: Commissioner Homaychak**

Commissioner Homaychak reported that she was hoping to meet with Tim Shanley to address pieces of SNJ that we may suffice in understanding the Master Plan.

#### **Other Items**

##### **1. Junior Members Project Updates -**

Junior Member Nick Rea said he is working on his fall newsletter with the theme of the New Recycling Policy.

#### **Old Business**

Commissioner Key stated that Grant money is needed for Reusable Bag Give-a-way. Mr. Madigan will advise.

Green Team Member JR Frank asked if Committee Madigan had checked into what he had developed as a Stormwater maintenance guideline for the township engineer to follow? Committeemen Key said that Committeeman Madigan will report on this at the October meeting.

The 2019 Calendar Dates and meeting dates were distributed.

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

Commissioner Fortunato said there is nothing to report on the Planning Board.

#### **Next meeting – October 15, 2018**

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee