

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2021

Date: Monday, July 19, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Upstairs Ladder Back Conference Room
To dial in: Use Commissioner Chairwoman Homyachak Cellular

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairwoman and Commissioner, Celeste Homyachak, Wyckoff Environmental Commission. The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Environmental Commissioner Ms. Homyachak.

“The July 19, 2021 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 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:

- ✦ Present: Beth Fischer, Celeste Homyachak, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, and Township Committee Liaison Rudy Boonstra, Jr Commissioners Sebastian Dash, and Lauren Markariann
- ✦ Green Team Volunteers present: none

Motion to approve minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting (note no June meeting took place).

Motion: Fischer; Second: Weiner

Capparelli Absent Fischer Y Koeber Y Lane Y Weiner Y Planning Board Liaison
Bogdansk Chairwoman Homyachak Y

I. Priority Review Items

- a. Fishing Derby update – Great turnout for all who attended. Lots of great photos, and great fun. 82 participants, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were in 3 age categories. Thank you to all Commissioners who were present to assist with the day, as well as Jr. Commissioner Markariann.
- b. Single Use plastic/paper bag ordinance – As we’re awaiting further instructions from ANJEC for disseminating this new statutory law and instructing and mandating in town, we discussed, at length, how to disperse this new and important information out to citizens in a Communications Plan. We discussed:
 - a. ANJEC June 22 Rolled Out the New Plastic Pollution Reduction Law webinar – only several WEC attended.
 - b. If our Chamber of Commerce should be a part of the rollout? Boonstra and Homyachak should attend one of their upcoming meetings post-Summer.
 - c. DEP will be responsible for enforcement per ANJEC.
 - d. Weiner questioned -- What happens annually to the \$37K grant given to Wyckoff by Clean Communities– It was proposed that the funds be taken from their current use for this.
 - e. Discussed at length sending information home to citizens by using several options:
 1. Sent with the September Tax Bill (additional sheet of paper detailing the new law that will go into effect on May 20, 2022.)
 2. To have the Town Calendar have sections dedicated to the Plastic and Paper bag ban and educate citizens.
 3. Consider using the grant monies to purchase reusable bags, and paper to print information to be mailed to all households.
 4. Make signs for Wyckoff Day table.
 5. Send information home in K-8 Backpacks.

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6. Information must be included in calendar, newsletters, each Weekly E-Blast, and tax bills being mailed out
7. Any other ideas?

II. **Planning Board** update – Did not meet in June. Only comment made by Mr. Boonstra on Mrs. Bogdanský's behalf was about a sign ordinance that appeared before the Planning Board in May.

III. **Grant Programs for 2021:** The Township will apply for all grant opportunities in 2021

- a. Priority- SJ/Gardinier Environmental Fund Completed-- energy efficient air conditioning unit to the Larkin House.
- b. Other new grant opportunities? Please provide thorough and complete information to Capparelli

IV. **New Business**

- a. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) update –
 - a. State mandated that EVCS are inherently beneficial for towns in all areas. Legislation has been passed. Town should look to protect signage of EVCS in residential areas.
 - b. Working on town ordinance for charging station with neon light/signs. There is an ordinance of neon lights/signs not allowed. Question: Do charging stations require neon signs?
 - c. For town EV Vehicles, Installation of Two (2) new plugs for the building department.
 - d. Replacement of diesel truck for DPW to an electric running truck. Boonstra to advise if we have an opportunity here to submit a grant for one replacement as the town has very large, and a dozen diesel vehicles currently.
- b. RecycleBalls tennis recycling program update – WEC voted unanimously recycle tennis balls
 - a. Motion made by Weiner, and Seconded by Lane.
 - b. Vote approved by all: Fisher, Homaychak, Koeber, Lane and Weiner
 - c. Project will move forward as a new recycling program, supervised, and performed by Mr. Ho, with assistance by other avid tennis players in Wyckoff, and the two High School's Tennis Teams. Environmental Commission to participate too.
- c. Fall Shred Fest-- scheduled for Friday, October 15 -- discussion for weekend date and moving back to DPW was not practical as DPW would have to be paid overtime.
- d. 2022 WEC Meeting and WEC event dates - Motion approved by Roger Lane; 2nd by Beth Fischer All commissioners present in favor of the new dates for 2022.
- e. Wyckoff Day- September 18, 1pm-4pm
- f. SJ Tobacco Free Community Designation – Webinar 7.27.2021 – Beth Fischer to attend and bring back information for the September meeting.

V. **Other Business**

- a. Jr. Commissioner Projects and Updates
 - a. Lauren- Trex plastic recycling program – Sites for recycling will be the Library and DPW
 1. Lauren Will contact Trex, and have program officially start in September.
 2. Signs – When to put up signs (1 week)
 3. Collection Dates: 6-month collection period of September to February 2022.
 4. Graphic signs should be simple for people – Ex: Thermometer for public idea. Place approximately 3 or 4 around town showing the progress for collecting plastic.
 - b. Sebastian – Fall Styrofoam drive will be conducted the same day as the Shredfest in October.
 1. Roger and Lisa to work with Sebastian as his assigned Mentoring Commissioners.
 2. Preparation for a video to show in schools.

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- 3. Drawing contest for school/community
- 4. Time Frame?
- c. Charlotte will conduct an additional 10-12 PSAs for K-8 schools – Her Presentation at December event of WEC at the Library.
- b. Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB updates – Ben Weiner – Invitation for this fall to get a more precise meeting, opening to additional towns in Bergen County.
- c. Stormwater Management – DPW to clean street drains before and after storms (Rain/Snow). Consideration to be given for possible HS students to conduct a Drain Art Contest.
- d. Recycle Coach App update – for June -- 76 new subscribers. 2,583 to date since inception
- e. BCUA - Household Hazardous Waste- Sept. 11- Mahwah and Recycling Event Other Tires/Electronics/Mobile Paper Shredding – August 7th, Paramus

VI. Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments

- a. Green Film Festival –Last event was held June 29, 2021. Low attendance.
- b. Wyckoff School's WEC Liaison update – Fischer - All chairs will continue in the schools for new school term. This will create easy continuity.

VII. Next meeting – September 20, 2021

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm