

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, September 18, 2017
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde; Celeste Homaychak; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John McCauley; Tom Madigan, Committeeman

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pete Wiederhold.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Pete Wiederhold:

"The September 18, 2017 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.

- I Motion was made and seconded to adopt the June 19, 2017 meeting minutes.
Motion: Fortunato Second: Hoogerheyde
Fortunato Y Homaychak ABS Capparelli Y McCauley AB
Key Y Hoogerheyde Y Madigan AB Wiederhold Y

*July 17, 2017 and August 21, 2017 meetings were canceled.

II Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017
Upcoming and Past Events

III New Business

- **SHREADFEST** - October 7, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Need volunteers before 8:30 a.m. Chair Wiederhold said that Commissioners and CERTS members will be needed to manage the October 7, 2017 Shredfest.
- **2018 CALENDAR DATES** – TUTU April 28, 2018; Rain date May 5, 2018
Chair Wiederhold said the dates for TUTU have been changed due to the Wyckoff Education Foundation scheduling their fun run for Saturday, April 21, 2017. Commissioner Key said she had requested that Earth Day, Wyckoff Day and the Shredfest dates be added to the Township of Wyckoff calendar.

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- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY** – going forward
Commissioner Key said that a Commissioner should take an event (i.e. TUTU; Fishing Derby) and recap it and not wait. Silver Re-certification was achieved in October 2016. Certification is active for 3 years and will expire in December 2019. Commissioner Homyachak asked if there are any new action items. Commissioner Key said there are new actions items which are listed on the Sustainable Jersey website.
- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update
Commissioner Key said recylcometer was at 31.70% for the month of August; 32.18% for July and 32.23% for June.
- **“Waste It Once, Pay For It Twice”** – Public information program to encourage recycling.
Chairman Wiederhold will speak with Bob Shannon regarding how the WEC/WGT can assist with this program.
- **Only rain in the drain** – Public information program to discourage littering and people pollution – Need volunteers.
Chairman Wiederhold will speak with Bob Shannon regarding how the WEC/WGT can assist with this program.
- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS** – Update
Dan O’Connell, Junior Member Ramapo High School, said he is designing an infographic of the town photographs of McFaul Environmental Center, Zabriskie Pond, Community Park and Russell Farms showing how the environment affecting climate change. He will print this out as a hand out at events.
Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies, said he did a 28 days of composting to demonstrate how much money can be saved on waste. He composted 30 lbs. this month times 12 months in a year equals 490 lbs. of composting for the year. He said the town could possibly compost as much as 1,669,928.49 lbs. a year. He would like to see how much the town can save.

IV OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor’s Wellness Committee (a component of Sustainable Jersey)
Chair Wiederhold said there is no update. The Mayor’s Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents
- WEC website/Facebook/Twitter – Update
Chair Wiederhold said the Household Hazardous Waste day is Sunday, October 15 in Paramus.
- Environmental Resource Inventory Project – Update
Commissioner Key said the team will meet next week to continue their update on the handbook. Commissioner Capparelli said brownfields will be added to the handbook.

V Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

Commissioner Fortunato said there is no major update to report.

VI Green Team Task Force Updates

1. Green Team Task Force Reports
 - a. Community
 - b. Building and Energy
 - c. Land Use and Local Business
 - d. Waste Management, Operations and Facilities

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e. Media and Press Relations

- WEC Junior Commissioner Program - "Volunteers Needed"
Commissioner Key said a "Volunteers Needed" Ad was emailed for review prior to the meeting and all approved based on edits discussed. The timeline agreed was to post the Ad the first week of October with a deadline to return of the third week of October. Interviews will be scheduled for early November. The new WEC Junior commissioners would be invited to the December WEC meeting to view the current Junior Commissioners presentation of their projects. Last year one of the two WEC Junior Commissioners attended his first meeting in March as the WEC got a very late start with the interview process. The WEC decided to start earlier this year. Nick Rea will advise the Environmental Science teachers contact information at BCC of the Junior Commissioner request and Dan O'Connell will assist in getting the ad posted at RHS. Commissioner Capparelli said the Junior Members will give their presentations in December of 2017 or January of 2018. The presentations will be shown on the Townships Website, Facebook, and Instagram. The Junior Commissioner Program responsibilities will act as a volunteer and assist the WEC members on Green Team projects, community events and outreach, interested in environmental causes and helps to promote Wyckoff's environmental mission as a sustainable community.
- WEC TUTU T-shirt Contest Winner in April 2017, Ashley Park, EMS 7th grade student has won the Chamber of Commerce Logo Contest in September 2017. The June 29, 2017 Suburban News article was shared with the commissioners.
- Commissioner Key asked if there are any Pilgrim Pipeline Updates. Chair Wiederhold said there are no updates.
- Butterfly Garden - Girl Scout's project
Commissioner Key has been in touch with Wendy Rosica & Elizabeth Brix, leader for the Girl Scouts, who reported that the Butterfly Garden is well established. Wendy checks it regularly and it's really a perfect habitat and the signage will be completed by the end of this year. The Girl Scout troop will meet in October to discuss the garden and update the WEC at our November WEC/WGT meeting. They also wanted to add that there have been an increased sighting of the Monarch Butterflies this season.
- Beth Fischer - Liaison to our elementary and middle schools
Green Team Task Force Member Fischer is still serving as chairperson for the Sicomac Environmental Committee. Beth has reached out to her contacts at Coolidge, Washington and Lincoln for chairperson contacts and updates. The National Walk to School Day is coming up on October 4 and Beth is hoping to have all the schools in Wyckoff signed up. Beth's son Ben is in middle school now so she has jumped right in and is heading up the efforts to clean up the community garden at EMS. There is no Environmental Committee at EMS but Beth is reaching out to the PTO President and will start one very soon. Apparently there's a new 6th grade science teacher with a background in Environmental Science and Mr. Iaisello suggested she connect her to coordinate efforts.
- Glen Rock Renewable Energy Aggregate (GRREA) – Chair Wiederhold did not have any updates. Commissioner Key will check with Commissioner Madigan.

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VII Next meeting – October 16, 2017

VIII Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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