

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Public Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2023**

**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Wyckoff Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairwoman Fischer. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Secretary Denise Capparelli

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mae Bogdansky, Denise Capparelli, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Pete Melchionne, Ben Weiner  
**Jr. Commissioners:** Gabrielle B, Alex C, Stephen C, Gregory C, Gabrielle B, Allie P, Eve N.  
**Green Team:** Stan Goodman, Linda Amerman

**Motion to approve minutes from the January 23, 2023, meeting.**

Motion: Lane Second: Koeber

Board Liaison Bogdansky Abstain Competiello Y Fischer Y Koeber Y Lane Y Weiner Y

**1) Priority Review Items:**

- a) Welcome new Commissioner Linda Amerman who will replace Kelli Benedik, who has stepped down as Commissioner. Mrs. Amerman reported that her son won the first Team Up to Tidy Up t-shirt contest some 20 plus years ago and she is happy to be joining the Commission.
- b) Sustainable Jersey Actions for 2023 Submission- Mrs. Fischer stated that there are currently 4 expired actions for a total of 45-50 points for the 2023 Re-Certification that can realistically be submitted. If these actions are awarded the current Re-Certification cycle will be extended one extra year to 2026. Mrs. Fischer will report back on who will be working on the actions. The next cycle due date is May 12. Ms. Capparelli will complete the one action, Green Cleaning products. Mrs. Fischer stated this item is tabled for the next meeting in March.
- c) 2023 WEC Events
  - i) Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU) will be held on Saturday, April 22, the same day as Earth Day, with a rain date of April 29. A volunteer list will be distributed at the March meeting. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 8:00am to set up and begin registration. Commissioners agreed to neon t-shirts vs safety vests with the new WEC logo. The logo will be sent to Mrs. Amerman for her husband to submit for final production.
  - ii) Shred/Recycling Day- scheduled for Saturday, April 15. Styrofoam collection will be available too. Commissioner volunteers will contact Mrs. Fischer. It will be held at the DPW yard. Volunteers will meet at 8:15am.
  - iii) Fishing Derby- scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 8:30am. Commissioners will review suggestions from the 2022 event. Ms. Capparelli will send the minutes from the June 2022 meeting to Commissioners.
  - iv) Composting Event- scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 10:00am at Russell Farms. Mrs. Fischer received approval from Mr. Melchionne to pre-order fifteen (15) composters at \$65/each including shipping, for a total of \$975. Composters will be sold during the spring and tentative fall events for 2023. Mr. Lane suggested contacting schools to gauge interest in receiving a school composter along with an educational presentation to students to promote composting. Mrs. Fischer will update the Compost flyer for posting.

- 2) Grant Programs –** A Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant of \$2,000 was submitted on February 10, 2023 for signage upgrade at the Russell Farms Community Park. Mrs. Fischer would like to submit an ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project grant of \$1,500 for the Eisenhower Middle school community vegetable garden. The due date for the grant is April 17. Mrs. Fischer will submit a proposal to the Town Hall for approval.

- 3) Planning Board –** Commissioner Bogdansky reported that the proposed water treatment facility on Hartung Ave. has been approved by the Planning Board. Although NJ State land use law dictates final placement of water treatment facilities in the best interest of its consumers, the Township held public meetings for public input.

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The Ridgewood water treatment facility is designed to remediate water quality issues, within one year, that were in non-compliance (ie; PFOS contaminant levels that were above limits.) Charcoal filters will be responsible for removing the contaminants from the water.

**4) New Business**

- a) FLOW Film Festival's 10<sup>th</sup> year- Mr. Lane reported they are awaiting specific dates in April/May for 2 of the 4 films. The June 4 outdoor movie, to be decided, will be held in Oakland. Mr. Abma, from Abma's Farm will participate in the April 6 film- Big Little Farm. Mrs. Fischer will send the schedule of dates to Ms. Capparelli for posting. The library will provide the final flyer.
- b) A WEC logo was approved, and the logo design will be finalized by Mrs. Ammerman's husbands' business.
- c) ANJEC membership for all Commissioners for 2023 was completed.
- d) 2023 Goals- will be circulated to all Commissioners and Jr. Commissioners.
- e) Fall Recycling/Shred Date is scheduled for Friday, September 8. Details to follow.

**5) Other Business**

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - Mr. Weiner reported that the January meeting topic was about Passive House Design and sustainable building. 50 people attended the meeting. The HUB formed a new sub-committee on Food Waste and how to increase interest in consumers to use composting as a means of recycling natural waste and reducing food waste in the landfill. Ridgewood is still working on a Mobile Joint Styrofoam Densifier for Bergen municipalities. Bergen County will assist with funding but will not provide the facility. Glen Rock has assumed the lead on this project and is investigating if other towns would be interested in a shared service with Glen Rock. No feedback yet from the Township. Creative Bergen for the Arts is available to assist towns on SJ actions in this category. Mr. Weiner stated that he has formed a sub-committee with the HUB on new sustainable landscaping.
- b) Wyckoff Schools- Mrs. Fischer shared that the Green Committees Curriculum she created has been shared among the K-8 schools to provide guidance and resources for parents and teachers on sustainable topics and programs that have been used throughout the years from Commissioners and Green Team volunteers. Mrs. Fischer reported that she and Mr. Weiner will be meeting with the garden club at Eisenhower in March.
- c) Recycle Coach – January new subscribers - 39, 3614 new subscribers YTD since 2018.
- d) Bergen County Utilities Authority Recycling Events:
  - i) Household Hazardous Waste Recycling- Saturday, March 11, 9am-3pm at BCUA in Moonachie
  - ii) Mobile Shred, Electronics, Tire, Medicine Recycling- Sunday, April 30, 9am-3pm, BCC, Paramus
- e) Jr. Commissioners- Jr. Commissioners are currently working with Mrs. Fischer on assigned projects and mentors. Three projects will be divided among the 7 Jr. Commissioners.
- f) RecycleBalls- Mr. Ho has started up with collection of the tennis balls at Memorial Field. Mrs. Fischer suggested perhaps having a social media blast to recognize Mr. Ho's volunteer efforts. All in favor. Mrs. Fischer will submit something to the township for approval.

**6) Next meeting – March 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.**

**Adjournment –** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner Koeber was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli  
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary