

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023

Date: Monday, April 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481

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

Roll Call:

Present: Linda, Ammerman, Denise Capparelli, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Ben Weiner

Absent: Mae Bogdansk, Roger Lane, Pete Melchionne

Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B., Alex C., Stephen C., Gregory C., Gabrielle B., Allie P., Eve N.

Green Team: MaryAnn Crawford, Stan Goodman, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the March 20, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Koeber Second: Weiner

Ammerman: Abstain Board Liaison Bogdansk: Absent Competiello: Y Fischer: Y Koeber: Y

Lane: Absent Weiner: Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Sustainable Jersey Actions for 2023 Submission- Chairwoman Fischer stated they would remain on the current 2022 SJ Certification timeline. Given the revised timeframe for the 2023 Certification cycle ending July 27 and the requirements of the expiring actions, the Commission did not think it necessary to meet this deadline since current Silver certification is valid until 2025. WEC will revisit the expiring actions in 2024 in preparation for the next recertification cycle.
 - Community Energy Outreach – this action is suspended and is in the process of being rewritten.
 - Rain Gardens – was under Innovative Projects action and has been completed. Another project will be determined for this action.
 - Tree planting - requires a pre-requisite to complete a Community Forestry Plan and NJUCF Accreditation program. Would need Shade Tree Commission involvement to complete.
 - Green Cleaning Projects - can be updated at any time. Denise is currently working on it.
- b) 2023 WEC Events
 - i) Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU) is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, (Earth Day) with a rain date of April 29. The setup is the afternoon of Friday, April 21 in the courtroom. T-shirts with new WEC logo to be distributed.
 - ii) Composting Event was a success. Despite the rain, the event brought out approximately 30 residents. All 15 compost barrels were claimed via email prior to the event. Residents could pick up at 4/1 event or pay for composters at Town Hall and pick them up at the Recycling Center at their convenience.
 - iii) Shred/Recycling Day was a successful event. Approximately 300 vehicles with paper to be shredded and/or Styrofoam for recycling were accommodated. A 40 cubic yard DPW truck was filled with bagged Styrofoam that will be transported to Polymolding for recycling. 18lbs of medicine were collected for the medicine take-back program, diverting this waste into the landfills.
 - iv) YMCA Healthy Kids Day April 22 from 10 am – 1 pm. Commissioner Koeber, Chairwoman Fischer, and Junior Commissioners Gabby B. and Eve N. will set up and staff this event. Table will have composting and pollinator information and handouts.
 - v) Fishing Derby- scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 8:30am. Commissioners will review suggestions from the 2022 event and report back at the April meeting.

- 2) **Grant Programs** – Response pending from Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G regarding \$2,000 small grant for Russell Farms Community Park signage upgrade. Application for the \$1,500 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Project

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grant written by Chairwoman Fischer and Commissioner Weiner was submitted. Grant request is for upgrades to the Wyckoff Community Garden at Eisenhower Middle School.

3) **Planning Board** – no report.

4) **New Business**

- a) FLOW Green Film Festival – The next movie, Passive House: A Building Revolution is scheduled for April 27, 7 pm at the Wyckoff Library with guest speakers from the Architect League of Northern NJ. Going Circular is scheduled for May 18 with guest speaker Michael Portanese, President of Gaeta Recycling. The outdoor family movie, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, is scheduled for June 3 in Oakland.
- b) Arbor Day tree planting is scheduled at 9:15 am at Coolidge Elementary School on April 28. All are invited.
- c) Fall Recycling/Shred Date is scheduled for Friday, September 8 at Wyckoff Community Park. Details to follow.

5) **Other Business**

- a) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - Mr. Weiner reported the next HUB meeting is scheduled on April 30, hosted in Ridgewood, and there is still work being done on a county solution for Styrofoam recycling.
- b) Wyckoff Schools – no report.
- c) Recycle Coach – March new subscribers - 33, 3680 total new subscribers YTD since 2018.
- d) Bergen County Utilities Authority Recycling Events:
 - i) Household Hazardous Waste Recycling- Saturday, March 11, 9 am - 3 pm at BCUA in Moonachie
 - ii) Mobile Shred, Electronics, Tire, Medicine Recycling- Sunday, April 30, 9 am - 3 pm, BCC, Paramus
- e) Jr. Commissioners - Currently working with Chairwoman Fischer, Commissioner Competiello, and Commissioner Weiner on finalizing project topics. Three projects will be completed among the 7 Jr. Commissioners with WEC mentors assigned. Projects to be announced at May meeting.

6) **Next meeting** – May 15, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Ammerman and seconded by Commissioner Weiner was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary