

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March Public Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, March 19, 2018
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCauley, Chair; Christine Key; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Jasmine Ho, Junior Member Indian Hill's; Alex Sullivan, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Celeste Homaychak; Peter Melchionne; Allison Sassano, Junior Member Ramapo; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS: JR Frank; John Adams; Beth Fischer; Janice Reynen; Mark Niederman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John McCauley, Chairman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by John McCauley:

"The March 19, 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.

I Motion to approve minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting

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

II Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2018 - Upcoming and Past Events

- **SITE TOUR** of Covanta Energy Corporation – Saturday, April 14, 2018
Commissioner Key said she made a flyer that was e-blasted to Commissioners, Green Team Task Force Volunteers and Junior Members. Commissioner Capparelli said it's a very educational tour and so far 8 people have registered. The deadline to register is March 30, 2018.
- **GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS**
Green Team Task Force Volunteer John Adams said he will contact the 3 people who

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showed interest in joining the Green Team and find out what their interests are.

- **RIDGEWOOD EARTH DAY & BOOTH INVITATION**

Commissioner Key said at the HUB meeting it was announced that on April 22, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an Earth Day event in Ridgewood. Wyckoff has been invited and all booth will be free to area Environmental Commissions. Wyckoff Sub-Committee: Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; John Adams Green Team Volunteer; Alex Sullivan, Junior Member. They will coordinate Wyckoff's participation at the event.

III New Business

- **DRONE PRESENTATION** - Junior Member Alex Sullivan

Junior Member Alex Sullivan showed a short video of what he has taken pictures of with his drone as it has flown over Zabriskie Pond. He suggested that it can be used at TUTU, the Fishing Derby and other WEC activities. Chairman McCauley will speak with Bob Shannon about flying the drone at the Fishing Derby and if there are any legal precautions to be taken.

- **NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM** – Home Energy Audit Program

Commissioner Key said this program is on hold. Currently Glen Rock will be doing a clean energy presentation at the next HUB meeting.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT**

Commissioner Capparelli said the project team will meet on March 20 and March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Monroe room at the library to finalize the ERI and get it ready to be printed. She asked for a paragraph from each section to be incorporated into the forward section of the book.

- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY** – Certification renewal

The Commissioners will provide a list of items or new items to be updated. The Junior Members will assist with their projects.

- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update

Commissioner Key said she did not receive the percentage from last month. Green Team Volunteer Mark Niederman asked if the weight of the Shredfest numbers and white goods get included in the 50% tonnage rate. Are the branches and vegetative waste collections also included? The Commissioners will research these questions.

- **FLOW FILM FESTIVAL** – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018 – Update

Green Team Task Force Volunteer JR Frank said a film on the America Architect North Jersey Chapter will be shown at the Library on March 22, 2018. The Butterfly film has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018 and the Girl Scouts will open with a presentation. Commissioner Key said that plastic bag will be banned in Franklin Lakes. She questioned whether Wyckoff should also ban the bags. At the March 15th Film Festival held at RHS showing the "Just Eat It" film, Carol Holden of Franklin Lakes shared their NEW "Say NO to Plastics Bags" education awareness media piece and soft campaign, with all in attendance. A sample was passed around the meeting for all to see. She asked us to consider speaking with our town grocery store

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management to discuss and encourage the non-use of plastic bags. Commissioner Key shared with Carol that Wyckoff also has a concern about the use of, collection-of and how harmful they are to our environment.

- **TUTU** scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 (rain date Saturday, May 5, 2018) – 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall to help set up - Need volunteers!
- **SHREDFEST** – Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – posted hours. Volunteers needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (to help clean up after event) Chairman McCauley said volunteers are needed for these 2 events. Junior Member Alex Sullivan will do a PSA for ETV at Eisenhower Middle School promoting TUTU and the Shredfest. Commissioner Key said Fran Piskadlo will order T-shirts for this event and Nick's tri-fold and Dan's Infographic will also be given out at this event. Commissioner Capparelli will send out a list for volunteers for both events. Chair McCauley said he will ask Bob Shannon to reach out to the CERTS for their assistance. An email will also be blasted announcing these 2 events.
- **BERGEN HUB**
Commissioner Key said she has attended 2 meetings. She added that the towns are rotating who hosts each HUB meeting. She said the topic for the April HUB meeting will be on Styrofoam. There are 70 towns in the Bergen HUB. Wyckoff will host the May Bergen HUB meeting at the Library. Green Team Task Force Volunteer John Adams said that polystyrene and food establishments do not want to use Styrofoam packaging since there is no place that will accept it to recycle since it does not breakdown. He said the Sussex County Utility Authority have a recycle program that receives the polystyrene and make it into a long strand to be used in molding.
- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS**
Junior Member Jasmine Ho said she is deciding between recycling, water or plastic bags. She said she will speak with stores and restaurants regarding plastic bags. Junior Member Nick Rea said he will be designing a newsletter. He added that Dan O'Connell will report on electric car charging stations. Junior Member Alex Sullivan said he will research anti-idling. Junior Member Alisson Sassano was absent and project topic is yet to be determined.
- **WYCKOFF SCHOOL'S GREEN WEC/WGT LIAISON REPORT**
Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report - Commissioner Key
Beth Fischer, Wyckoff School's Green Liaison to the WEC/WGT, said at Coolidge School new recycling bins were donated and there is a new trash layout. Posters will show what should be recycled. The community herb garden will be planted with potted herbs donated by Stop and Shop. Additional touch, smell, taste, see and hear things will also be planted. An Art Project has been created using recycled materials such as garden bed labels, rock painting, wind chimes, recycled planters, etc. The Green Team table at the Wellness Fair will encourage all vendors/tables to choose paper instead of plastic for event decor, cutlery and table cloths. At the spring cleanup and Earth Day there will be a joint school-wide cleanup of the grounds and garden. On Wednesday, May 9 a Walk/Bike to School Day will be held. At Lincoln School and "Earth Day" event will include a bike/walk to school day, collecting donations for used gardening tools & supplies to be used for our new school garden, and we will ask students to participate in the Lincoln Earth Day Project. In June a "Create a Pot" event where students are

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asked to bring in clean, used recycled containers and we provide soil, plants and decorating materials to transform their containers into beautiful potted plants. At Sicomac School there will be battery recycling and “spring forward” and change your smoke detector batteries. There will also be a raffle for students to guess how many pounds of batteries have been collected this school year. The Green Ambassadors will be placing environmentally themed rocks painted by the students around Wyckoff and beyond in the next few weeks. If you find one, please take a picture and tweet or tag where you found it. Then put it somewhere new for someone else to find. We hope that people will post where they've found their rocks. The twitter feed will also be used to post educational environmental articles. At Washington School the courtyard is our main project and will resume once the snow has melted. At Eisenhower School we be starting seeds in the greenhouse sometime in the next couple of weeks. We are going to transplant them into the garden later in the spring. We would like to organize a campaign to encourage mobile phone recycling. At the conclusion of Beth's school activity update she handed out wildflower seeds and hanging birdseed suet feeders to the Commissioners and Green Team Task Force Members.

IV Old Business

- **MAYOR'S WELLNESS COMMITTEE** (a component of Sustainable Jersey)
Commissioner Madigan said the Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents.
- **WEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/TWITTER**
Nancy Cole continues to post information on the website for the WEC.

V PLANNING BOARD UPDATE – Robert Fortunato

Commissioner Fortunato reported that the Jersey Mike's located on Godwin Avenue is currently before the Planning Board seeking approval for a restaurant.

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
 - e. Media and Press Relations

VII Next meeting – April 16, 2018

VIII Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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