

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
NOVEMBER 21, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, November 21, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Harriet Shugarman; Christine Key; John McCauley; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Julie Wisniewski; Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioner; Susan McQuaid, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher DePhillips; Randy Hoogerheyde

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; JR Frank; Denise Capparelli

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 November 21, 2016 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 October 17, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were not adopted due to lack of voting members.
Motion: Wiederhold Second: Fortunato
Fortunato Y McCauley Y Key Y Hoogerheyde Y
Madigan Y DePhillips AB Shugarman Y Wiederhold Y
- II Public Comment Opportunity**
No Comments
- III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2016
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**
- IV Old Business**
Mayor's Wellness Committee

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- Township Committee Representative Madigan said the Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents.

Pilgrim Pipeline

- Commissioner Shugarman said she has a copy of the Village of Ridgewood's resolution and she would like to retype it and request the Wyckoff Township Committee adopt the resolution or a modified resolution. She said Ridgewood's concern is the future water quality. Township Committee Representative Madigan said the time is now to introduce this resolution in support of our neighbors and the importance of a possible threat to our water supply. Commissioner Shugarman said the Pilgrim Pipeline is a private company and this is their first project for profit venture. Commissioner Shugarman made a motion that the WEC propose a motion to oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline as delineated and reviewed by the members and to have that reaffirmed by the Township Committee at their next meeting. Second, Commissioner McCauley. The Board unanimously agreed.

Facebook/Twitter/Wyckoff Green Team website

- Chair Wiederhold said he is looking into the website & Facebook along with Township Representative Madigan. Mr. Madigan said he will speak with Bob Shannon about the Township's social media rules & regulations regarding a Facebook and twitter page for the WEC and Green Teams (the policy is posted on the home page of Wyckoff-nj.com). The Commissioners were adamant that the WEC be included with the privilege of being part of this social media opportunity.

Natural Resource Inventory

- Commissioner Recording Secretary McQuaid said she has contacted G&L Transcription service and for a nominal fee the 1995 Natural Resource Inventory can be converted from a paper copy to a digital word document so it can be edited in Microsoft Word. She will scan and email the document to this service and advise the Commissioners when it is available. The Subcommittee Members are Rob Fortunato, JR Frank, John McCauley and Christine Key. Commissioner Shugarman said that folks from Ewing, NJ that she met at Sustainable Jersey awards presentation said they received a NRI "visioning grant of \$10,000 to assist with their Natural Resource Inventory update. The WEC will request funding in 2017 from the Township Committee.

V New Business

Sustainable Jersey Silver Medal award presentation – NJ League of Municipalities

- Commissioner Shugarman said Wyckoff achieved Sustainable Jersey silver medal status again. Commissioners Key, Township Committee Representative Madigan, Mayor Rooney, Police Chief Murphy and Scott Fisher attended the awards presentation on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the NJ League of Municipalities. Wyckoff is the only Bergen County municipality to earn silver cortication from Sustainable Jersey, a

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voluntary certification program that honors municipalities' efforts to lower carbon footprint.

TUTU scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017

- Commissioner Key has been working with Fran Piskadlo and recommended a bookmark and tri-fold mailer part of the TUTU contest for grades K-5 and grades 6 through 8. The WEC discussed this options and concluded that a bookmark with TUTU information and the recycle meter be placed in the schools and library now. The students grades K – 8 will be involved in a T-shirt competition with the winner having their design on a giveaway T-shirt at the TUTU event next April 1. The winner will be decided at the February 2017 WEC meeting. A committee of the WEC is required to perform this project. Chair Wiederhold will contact the Chamber of Commerce for monetary gifts.

Junior Members Projects

- Junior Member Andrew Sander updated the WEC on his new carbon filtrated water fountain and water study. He said that he created a survey to give to the High School students. He received 80 responses in 2 days. The students liked that the refillable water bottle station because it was sanitary and the flow rate was good. He said he will have a final report in December.

VI Green Team Task Force Updates

- 1. Community** – Commissioner Christine Key & Beth Fischer, Green Team/Green Goddess, Sicomac; Julia Wisniewski, Junior Commissioner
- 2. Building and Energy** – Commissioner Randy Hoogerheyde & Ann Rahikainen, Green Team
- 3. Land Use and Local Business** – Planning Board Liaison Rob Fortunato & JR Frank, Green Team
- 4. Waste Management, Operations & Facilities** – Commissioner John McCauley & John Adams, Green Team
- 5. Media and Press Relations** – Chair Pete Wiederhold, Commissioner Harriet Shugarman & Commissioner Chris DePhillips

- This Smithsonian *Exploring Human Origins* traveling exhibit was at the Wyckoff Library from October 16 to November 12, 2016 and was well attended. On November 9, 2016 two (2) Rutgers professors spoke about past climate change and where it will be in the future. Commissioner Shugarman said climate change can be slowed down.
- Green Team Member JR Frank reported that on Thursday, December 8, 2016 there will be the first Green Film Festival meeting for 2017.
- On Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. the WEC will visit Sicomac School for a tour of the outdoor classroom and Sustainable Jersey action. WEC Members are encouraged to attend.
- Commissioner Key said the Midland Park Junior/Senior High School contacted her about Sustainable Jersey. The Principal, Vice Principal and 2 Science Teachers renovated the auditorium and will receive credit for installing recycled carpet and seating.

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- On October 27, 2016 Green Team Member John Adams attended an ANJEC water quality workshop and how it impacts the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers with regard to runoff.

VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

VIII Next meeting – December 19, 2016

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee