

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, September 19, 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; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Julie Wisniewski, Junior Commissioner and Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioner. Susan McQuaid, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher DePhillips

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

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 19, 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 June 20, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were not adopted due to lack of voting members.
Motion: Hoogerheyde Second: Fortunato
Fortunato Y McCauley Y Key AB Hoogerheyde Y
Madigan AB DePhillips AB Shugarman AB Wiederhold Y

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the August 15, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were not adopted due to lack of voting members.
Motion: Wiederhold Second: Fortunato
Fortunato Y McCauley AB Key Y Hoogerheyde AB
Madigan AB DePhillips AB Shugarman Y Wiederhold Y

II Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

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**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2016
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**

IV Old Business

- Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms Community Park – completed 2016
The Commissioners suggested having someone from Ramapo College come and speak with the WEC about managing the monarch garden. Commissioner Shugarman said it will take 2 growing seasons to establish this garden.
- Mayor's Wellness Committee
There was no update other than the Facebook page is updated each week with timely and useful information.
- Pilgrim Pipeline – Update
Committeeman Madigan said there was an article in the Bergen Record which stated that towns used tax dollars to hire an attorney. Commissioner Shugarman said 15 municipal towns are hiring a consultant to prepare an environmental assessment. She add that on Sunday, September 29, 2016 at the Ramapough Lunaape Community Center there will be a community rally against the pipe line staled to run through Oakland. Participants will take part in a ¾ mile walk to the site where the Pilgrim Pipeline would cut through the Ramapough Lunaape Nation's sacred land.
- Sensory Garden at Russell Farms Community Park
The WEC Liaison will obtain further information on this project.
- WyckoffGreenTeam.org
Chair Wiederhold said the Wyckoff Green Team domain needs to be renewed and the host, Barry, will need to be removed and an Environmental Commissioner Member should be assigned as the host.
- Natural Resource Inventory
WEC advised that they will need funds placed in their budget in order to update the Natural Resource Inventory. Committeeman Madigan said the Wyckoff Master Plan will be updated in 2020. Commissioner Shugarman said the Wyckoff Resource Inventory is 20+ years old. JR Frank suggested getting a copy from another town to review. Committeeman Madigan said Oakland's Resource Inventory is a good source. Chair Wiederhold suggested creating a sub-committee to start updating Wyckoff's Natural Resource Inventory.

V New Business

- Committeeman Madigan reminded the WEC that the Shred Fest is this Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the DPW building from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. He asked for volunteers. Chair Wiederhold said he assembled a list of volunteers to help with this event.

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- Committeeman Madigan said the next Bergen County hazardous waste collection event is in Paramus on Sunday, October 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Approval of 2017 meeting dates for publication in the 2017 resident calendar. The Commissioner unanimously approved the meeting dates along with TUTU and Fishing Derby dates for the 2017 calendar year.
- 2016 Sustainable Jersey application for silver certification submitted
Commissioner Shugarman said on September 8th 450 points have been submitted where only 350 points are needed in order to sustain silver Sustainable Jersey status. She said they have until the end of November to resubmit. She added that there are many things the township is doing that the residents are unaware of that can be used towards Sustainable Jersey and that the town can add to it at any time. The Sustainable Jersey Awards Ceremony will be in November at the League of Municipality where the Wyckoff Environmental Commission anticipates achieving another Silver Award (Wyckoff's the only municipality in Bergen county to have achieved the highest award – the silver status).

VI Green Team Task Force Updates

- 1. Community** – Commissioner Christine Key & Beth Fischer, Green Team/Green Goddess, Sicomac; Julia Wisniewski, Junior Commissioner; Heather Prium, Student Green Team Member
 - 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
- John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, asked Julie Wisniewski and Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioners, to update the WEC on their projects. Andrew said he is advertising a new carbon filtrated water fountain at Ramapo High School. He would like to calculate how many people are using this fountain which is located inside the building near the lower gym. John Adams said this fountain is placed over the old existing water fountain. Julie said her project is creating 3 different video presentations for the Elementary, Middle and High School students on climate change and how one person can make a huge impact.
 - The Wyckoff Library Board of Trustees with assistance from Commissioner Shugarman said Committeeman Scanlan and former Librarian Mary Witherall had applied several years ago for a grant to host the Smithsonian exhibit: *Exploring Human Origins. What does it mean to be human?* This traveling exhibit will be at the Wyckoff Library on

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October 16 to November 12, 2016 *Exploring Human Origins* features a 1200 square foot display with panels, interactive kiosks, engaging media prevention, 3D skull casts and a life-sized Neanderthal mother and child statue.

- Commissioner Shugarman said a Global Climate Activist, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, will speak at Ramapo College on Friday, September 23, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
- Commissioner Key reported that Beth Fischer, Green Team and Green Goddess at Sicomac Elementary School has been working on recycling pledges, the green ambassador club and on October 5, 2016 there will be a walk to school. She also asked the WEC to visit the outdoor classrooms in the Elementary and Middle Schools.

VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

- Planning Board Liaison Fortunato said a non-profit corporation proposes to develop 370 Clinton Avenue for a multi-family community residence for adults with developmental disabilities which is before the Planning Board for approval in October.

VIII Next meeting – October 17, 2016

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee