

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
MARCH 20, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2017
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; John McCauley; Randy Hoogerheyde; Denise Capparelli; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: JR Frank; Nick Rea, a student from Bergen Academy, has applied to be a Junior Member of the WEC.

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 March 20, 2017 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 February 27, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: Fortunato Second: McCauley
Fortunato Y Capparelli Y McCauley Y Key Y
Hoogerheyde AB Madigan Y Wiederhold Y

II PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

No Comments

**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**

Chair Wiederhold said the WEC has applied for the Sustainable Jersey small grants program. Notification is expected the end of April.

IV NEW BUSINESS

TUTU scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 (rain date April 8, 2017) – **Need volunteers!**

- Commissioner Key said that the winners have been contacted as a” winner, the category and prize amount will be announced at the TUTU event. She said that Fran Piskadlo has ordered 225 T-shirts. Ms. Key said she has created the Award Certificates and Chair Wiederhold will

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sign it at this meeting. The Mayor will then be asked to also sign the certificate. Chair Wiederhold will secure the Wyckoff Business gift certificates prizes of \$50 each for category A, B & C and \$100 for the grand prize winner of the T-shirt design with the Chamber of Commerce. Posters will be created for each school which will include all the artwork submitted. We will also post the artwork on the town eblast, FB and twitter accounts.

- Commissioner Capparelli said the bookmarks were given out to the schools & Library last week. Since this is a pilot program next year the WEC may apply for a grant. She will ask for feedback from the schools.

SHREDFEST – Saturday, April 8, 2017 (Rain or Shine) – 8:30 a.m. to 11a.m. – posted hours

- Chairman Wiederhold said volunteers will be needed and CERTS volunteer to help unload the recycle and help with traffic control. This event will be scheduled the same day as TUTU in 2018.

FLOW FILM FESTIVAL

- Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank said that the first film “Death by Design” was presented on Thursday, March 16 at the Wyckoff Library. He said there was a conflict with a program being shown in Ridgewood on the same evening. Next year there will be more communication between towns so the scheduling does not overlap with neighboring town programs. The next film will be Thursday, March 23 at Ramapo High School: “PUMP” and then Thursday, March 30 at the Wyckoff Library: “Silence of the Bees”. The final film “The Highlands Rediscovered” will be shown on Thursday, April 6 and then Rich Calbi from Ridgewood Water will give a presentation on water quality during the discussion segment of the program.

WYCKOFF DAY – June 3, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Registration deadline is April 15

- Township Committeeman Madigan said volunteers are needed and the plan is to kick off Wyckoff Day with the Mayor’s Wellness Walk at Pulis Field.

2017 JUNIOR COMMISSIONER - Status

- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams, Chairman Wiederhold and Tom Madigan will interview the prospective students next week.

PROPOSED WATER SYMPOSIUM WITH RIDGEWOOD WATER FOR WYCKOFF RESIDENTS - Discussion

- Commissioner McCauley said Ridgewood Water’s symposium is scheduled for discussion at the Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Highlands film at the Wyckoff Library. He said this event will be advertised through additional e-blasts and ay folder handouts for this event. Local water issues will be discussed. A limited supply of water testing kits and toilet leak tablets will be distributed FREE to residents.

V OLD BUSINESS

MAYOR’S WELLNESS COMMITTEE (a component of Sustainable Jersey)

- Township Committeeman Madigan said there will be a Mayor’s Wellness Walk at Pulis Field before the kick off of Wyckoff Day on June 3, 2017

PILGRIM PIPELINE - Update

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- Chair Wiederhold said there are no new updates.
WEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/TWITTER – Update
- Chair Wiederhold said that due to WEC website, Facebook & twitter a lot of information is getting out to the public.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT – Update

- Commissioner Key said the Commissioners are trying to coordinate another meeting date. Township Committeeman Madigan said there is a Township Committee budget meeting Tuesday night and money has been appropriated for the WEC Inventory project. Our goal is to complete the project by the end of year 2017.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLE

- Commissioner Key said that year to date there the recyclo-meter is at 35.05% where in 2016 it was at 34.09%.

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
- Commissioner Key said that Green Team Member Beth Fischer, Liaison to the Wyckoff Public Schools reported that Sicomac School is currently doing Battery recycling (spring forward, change your smoke detector batteries, and recycle them at school!). They collected broken crayons & dried up markers for recycling in February in celebration of the 100th day of school. We'll weigh them at our next Green Ambassadors meeting. April will be focused on celebrating Earth Day all month long with our Small Steps Make a Big Difference green morning messages. This year the students from GA will be doing them. We will also be decorating the halls with footprints with messages about what students can do to make a difference. We're doing a paired shoe recycling collection in April as well. We've applied for Butterfly garden certification for our Outdoor Classroom & hope to put those signs up this spring. We assembled a small green house bought with BCUA grant money and the Green Ambassadors started milkweed seeds. We also ordered a worm composter and hope to find a teacher interested in hosting it in their classroom. May 12th is our 4th annual Healthy Living Fair and Recycled Planter contest. An invitation will be forwarded to the Environmental Commission.
 - Commissioner Capparelli said that she created a color coded calendar of planning events for 2017 for the Commissioners. Commissioner Key asked that Earth Day be placed on the 2018 calendar. Secretary McQuaid advised the commissioner that all projects for 2018 be discussed and confirmed before the August meeting so they can effectively be placed on the 2018 town calendar.
 - Commissioner Capparelli and that she recently obtained part-time job with the Center of Creative Land Recycling a non-profit organization. She will be on a task force and assist with sustainable jersey and revitalizing brown fields.

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VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

- Commissioner Fortunato said that Ridgewood Water proposes to install emergency generators to 7 of their major well sites which will provide emergency power during power outages so Ridgewood Water can continue to provide drinking water to the area. These applications will be on the April 10, 2017 public hearing meeting of the Wyckoff Planning Board

VIII Next meeting – April 17, 2017

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee