

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)  
MAY 16 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, May 16, 2016

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harriet Shugarman

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Adams; Mark Niederman; Bill Novi; JR Frank; Andrew Sander, Members of the WEC and Heather Pruiem, Member of the Green Team; Jeremy Swanson, 2015 WEC student member.

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 May 16, 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 April 18, 2016 meeting minutes.  
Motion: McCauley Second: Fortunato  
Fortunato Y McCauley Y Key AB Hoogerheyde AB  
Madigan ABS DePhillips AB Shugarman AB 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**

- FLOW Film Festival – The Film Festival was well attended.
- Mayor’s Wellness Committee – John Adams said this is an action item worth 20 points towards the silver level. Commissioner DePhillips who is the WEC representative said there is no new update.

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- Pilgrim Pipeline Update – Township Committee Representative Madigan said 11 of the 16 towns that will be impacted by the pipeline have passed a resolution against it and each have contributed \$4,000 to a legal fund to defend themselves against the State and Pipeline.
- Grand Opening – June 7, 2016 – 4 pm. Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms Community Park - Township Committee Representative Madigan said the opening has been scheduled for June 7, 2016.
- Sensory Garden at Russell Farms Community Park – Chair Wiederhold will follow up on this item.

## **V New Business**

- Commissioner McCauley said a series of forums for the Wyckoff Community will be presented on water and lead. These forums will be at the Wyckoff Public Library on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm. The Wyckoff Board of Health and the Wyckoff Environmental Commission will host an evening with Ridgewood Water representatives to discuss the current state of our water locally and water topics presently in the news. Commissioner McCauley said there will also be a home energy efficiency workshop on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the Wyckoff Public Library from 7 to 9 pm. He said that experts from the NJCEP (Clean Energy Program) will explain how New Jersey residents can make their homes more energy efficient. Steve Clark will be the moderator and these forums will be advertised through the schools, Suburban News & the Wyckoff Patch.
- Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Zabriskie Pond – Commissioner McCauley, Chair Wiederhold and Robert Fortunato offered to help with this event.
- Wyckoff Day – Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Volunteers will be needed for this event. Commissioner Key asked Chair Wiederhold to send out an email to the WEC for sign up for Wyckoff Day. The WEC will have a booth at this event and will distribute compost, rain barrel and Stormwater management educational flyers.
- Bottle Bill A2281 information – Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said this bill has been removed from the legislative floor.
- 2016 Sustainable Jersey Certification– needs to be renewed. Chair Wiederhold reviewed the items with the Commissioners. Commissioner DePhillips said the deadline for the draft is in June. Commissioner Key and John Adams will use flyers to promote Sustainable Jersey. Commissioner Shugarman is reaching for 350 points to maintain silver status.
- WyckoffGreenTeam.org – Chair Wiederhold said he is having technical problems with the website and the domain license. He will continue to explore ways to get onto the website.
- Natural Resource Inventory Update – Township Committee Representative Madigan said the inventory can be started but he recommended that it be added to next year's budget.
- Junior Commissioners – film & project update. Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioner, said he would like to install another indoor filtered water bottle refilling station at Ramapo High School. He will work with the school Environmental Club and a grant for \$1,000. He will also sell reusable water bottles for the refill station. This project will help with Sustainable Schools. Jeremy Swanson, 2015 Junior Commissioner, said he is working on a double water station to drink from and refill a bottle. This station will be placed in the science wing or the lower gym at Ramapo High School. A grant was submitted to assist with the cost of this station. Heather Pruim attempted to give the Commissioners a video presentation but the projector would not cooperate. She said she would like to reduce waste and present this as a localized message to adults and children.

## **VI Green Team Task Force**

- 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

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**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

## **VII Planning Board Update**

- Planning Board Liaison Robert Fortunato reported on the status of the Planning Board. He said that another application was before the Planning Board for approval for soil movement in excess of 100 cubic yards. The Planning Board requested that additional shade trees be planted.

## **VIII Next meeting**

Chair Wiederhold said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

## **IX Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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