

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
APRIL 18, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, April 18, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christopher DePhillips; John McCauley;
Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Susan McQuaid, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harriet Shugarman; Christine Key; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tom Madigan,
Committeeman

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; Mark Niederman; Julie Wisniewski
& Andrew Sander, Members 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 April 18, 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 March 21, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Fortunato _____ McCauley _____ Key _____ Hoogerheyde _____
Madigan _____ DePhillips _____ Shugarman _____ Wiederhold _____

II Public Comment Opportunity

No Comments

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

IV Old Business

- Team Up to Tidy Up - Chair Wiederhold said that the TUTU event was a success this year. Commissioner DePhillips said there was a good turnout. Commissioner McCauley noted that many of the volunteers went directly to their cleanup site which eliminated them attending the registration at Town Hall. Pictures of this event will be posted on the WEC website/FB page and also in the Spring Newsletter.

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- Shredfest - Chair Wiederhold reported that approximately 324 cars dropped off shredding material. This event ended at 11:30 a.m. and at this time the truck was already filled to its 7 to 8 ton capacity. He will ask Bob Shannon to send thank you letters to the CERTS members who helped with this event.
- Mayor's Wellness Committee - Commissioner DePhillips who is the WEC representative said there is no new update.
- Pilgrim Pipeline – Mark Niederman, Green Team Task Force Member, said that the Coalition against Pilgrim Pipeline (CAPP) attended the Bergen County Freeholders meeting on April 13, 2106 and called for the freeholders to halt surveying for the pipeline, which would cross a tract of land in Mahwah and an aquifer that provides drinking water to thousands of county residents. As recently as last week, contractors were surveying land in the 4,000 acre Ramapo Valley Reservation. The company, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, wants to build a two, one-way underground pipelines to move crude oil 178 miles from Albany, NY, through some of the most environmentally sensitive areas of New Jersey to the Bay way Refinery in Linden. CAPP will be attending a meeting tomorrow at the County seat.
- Monarch Butterfly Way Station - The Monarch Butterfly Way Station will be dedicated on Tuesday, June 7th at 4 p.m. with the Girl Scouts in attendance.
- Sensory Garden at Russell Farms Community Park – There is no new update

V New Business

- Commissioner DePhillips said the next scheduled event is Earth Day which is on Friday, April 22, 2016.
- John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, said that Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2016. He will contact Bob Shannon as to who is the representative from Shade Tree to attend this event.
- FLOW Film Festival – The Wednesday, April 20th at 7 p.m. documentary MANN v. FORD at Ramapo High School has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 26th. This film will be presented regarding the Ramapough Indians and their legal team take on Ford and the EPA to secure a healthy future for their children after industrial waste was dumped in the Ramapough Mountains. The last film, RACING TO ZERO documentary will be presented showing new solutions to the global problem of waste, will be presented on Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Wyckoff Library
- 2016 Sustainable Jersey Certification – Commissioner Shugarman was not present this evening. Chair Wiederhold said all items have been assigned to people which need to be completed. Commissioner DePhillips said he will ask Ms. Shugarman to send an email recapping the assignments in order to achieve points toward Sustainable Jersey recertification. Commissioner McCauley said he would like to create a lead initiative forum which will achieve 10 points towards Sustainable Jersey credit. Ridgewood Water was present at a Wyckoff Board of Health meeting along with 3 members of the WEC. Chair Wiederhold said he will speak with Bob Shannon about the WEC or BOH hosting an open forum with Ridgewood Water and the Township of Wyckoff residents. Dates and a location will need to be discussed.

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- Chair Wiederhold said he has been working on updating the Environmental Committee website. He said the licensing domain needs to be renewed. At this time he cannot access the website. He will contact Barry Holdsworth since the website is on his private server.
- Natural Resource Inventory Update – The WEC will ask Township Committee Representative Madigan for an update.
- Bottle Bill A2281 information – Commissioner McCauley said if this bill to establish a refund value on beverage bottles is passed residents will be taking their bottle back to the retail store for a deposit fee refund instead of recycle this container. Chair Wiederhold said if we switch to a deposit then this bill will negatively impact all the current curbside recycle programs and tonnage grants. John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, will research this bill and give a presentation at next month's WEC meeting. The WEC may ask the Township Committee to take a position on Bottle Bill A2281.
- Chair Wiederhold said Commissioner Shugarman will be participating in an Earth Day symposium at Ramapo College on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Post-Paris Climate Agenda, which will bring Ramapo College students, clubs and organizations together with the larger regional New Jersey and New York communities in a rich discussion on moving climate from the promise of the December 2015 United Nations Paris Climate Conference to concrete regional and local actions.

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
- 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 an application received Planning Board approval for soil movement in excess of 100 cubic yards. The Planning Board requested that the applicant plant 5 additional shade trees. The applicants landscaping plan was reviewed by the Shade Tree Commission and was approved for the location of the 5 trees.

VIII Next meeting

Chair Wiederhold said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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