

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

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harriet Shugarman; Christopher DePhillips; John McCauley

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; Alexandra Martl, Green Goddess for Lincoln School; Beth Fischer, Green Goddess for Sicomac School, Julie Wisniewski & Andrew Sander, Members of the WEC and Heather Pruim and Mary Adams who will serve as members of the Green Team.

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 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 February 22, 2016 meeting minutes.
Motion: Wiederhold Second: Fortunato
Fortunato Y McCauley AB Key Y Hoogerheyde Y
Madigan Y 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

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- It was reported that no new applications have been received from residents desiring to volunteer on the Green Team since such public service announcements (PSA) were distributed via social media and the local press. The WEC requested one final eblast.
- JR Frank said the FLOW Film Festival will have 4 showings. On Sunday, April 10th the film INHABIT will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Wyckoff Library which uses the ecological design process called Permaculture, the film explores solutions to environmental issues and demonstrates the use of principles found in ecosystems to help us work with nature. On Sunday, April 17th at 2 p.m. at the Wyckoff Library the film THE TINY SEED will be presented for children ages 5 – 8 and older will enjoy crafts followed by short environmental films appropriate for children. On Wednesday, April 20th at 7 p.m. at Ramapo High School the documentary MANN v. FORD 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. On Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at the Wyckoff Library RACING TO ZERO documentary will be presented showing new solutions to the global problem of waste.
- Commissioner Key said fliers for TUTU and Shred Fest on April 16th have been approved by Mr. Shannon and are ready for distribution. Help is needed in posting around town at local businesses. A sign-up sheet was distributed so locations for posting could be signed up for by all in attendance. She also said that upcoming events are as follows:
 - Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9 a.m. - Arbor Day Celebration at the Pulis Field Recreation Complex
 - Friday, April 22, 2016 – Earth Day
 - 24/7/365 Drug drop off opportunities at neighboring DEA drug mailbox drop off locations which include Allendale, Oakland, Paramus and Waldwick.
 - Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 33rd Annual Fishing Derby at 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Zabriskie Pond Park
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 9 to 3 p.m. April 17th in Paramus, May 14th in Mahwah and June 26th in Paramus
 - Wyckoff Day, Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the YMCA
- Commissioner Harriet Shugarman reviewed the 2016 Sustainable Jersey certification application at last month's meeting. Anne Rahikainen stepped forward and would like to work on certification for energy and analyzing energy savings in the energy bill. She specified that in 2006, three of the municipal buildings (municipal building, department of public works, fire station) received an energy audit and the township implemented many of the recommendations. Anne will verify the energy savings and reductions in carbon emissions created by those building retrofits, by using a program called Portfolio Manager. That will allow the Green Team to get reliable data on the impacts. Anne will also establish a process for continuous tracking of energy use in those buildings, using the same software program. Also, Mark Niederman will run an outreach campaign to promote NJCEP's Direct Install program to local business community. This program provides free energy audits to small-to-medium size businesses and pays 70% of the installed cost of eligible energy efficiency upgrades, incl. LED lighting, lighting and temperature controls, and HVAC equipment. Everything is done turnkey, and the business owners will benefit by being able to pay their share of the costs from the energy savings generated and will enjoy lower operating costs in the long-term. They will also lower their carbon footprint by using more energy efficient technologies. We will work with one of the NJCEP certified energy audit firms to organize such an event, with details to follow. NCJEP is making

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some changes to the program and will re-launch it later this spring. We will time our event with the re-start of the program. And in conclusion Bill Novy in turn will run a campaign to promote similar program called Home Performance with ENERGYSTAR targeting homeowners in Wyckoff Township. NJCEP program manager will dispense a speaker for us for this event and details will follow. This program provides grants and zero interest loans to home owners for specific energy efficiency upgrades, including insulation, air sealing, energy efficient boilers, furnishes and cooling equipment. Ms. Rahikainen said our other plans include to look at possible solar installation for one of the municipal buildings, organize an event/campaign to educate Wyckoff home owners about going solar at their homes, and get the remainder of the municipal buildings audited through LGEA which now offers free energy audits. JR Frank will work on points toward Land Use and Local Businesses. All of these projects will hopefully achieve points toward Sustainable Jersey recertification.

- Natural Resource Inventory update. Mr. Madigan explained that he has sent a letter to the Township Committee requesting \$6,000 to hire a consultant. The Natural Resource Inventory would be performed and completed by members of the Environmental Commission volunteering and with the assistance of a consultant as a joint effort. The Environmental Commission voted to request this appropriation. Mr. Madigan reported that \$1,000 was offered to the WEC in order to update the Natural Resource Inventory. The project would be started in June and planned to finish in November.
- At last month's meeting Commissioner McCauley reviewed his efforts to schedule a public information session with Ridgewood Water regarding water quality. It was noted that a Board of Health meeting has been planned on April 14th which would have a Ridgewood Water Representative present.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Madigan reported on the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline and that there are no significant updates.
- The Monarch Butterfly Way Station will be dedicated on Tuesday, June 7th at 4 p.m. with the Girl Scouts in attendance.

GREEN TEAM UPDATE

- John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, reported that there was a kick off meeting for the five (5) task forces. It was decided that each Task Force will have a Green Team Leader as well as a liaison from the WEC. Mr. Adams said the Green Team Task Force are working towards recertifying their silver status. The Task Forces are as follows:
 - 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

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- John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, said Commissioner McCauley had reached out to Ridgewood Water and the Board of Health with regards to the quality of water and would like to schedule a meeting with Ridgewood Water. Please NOTE a three page handout "FAQ, Protecting New Jerseyans from Lead in Water." was attached to the March Meeting Agenda packet for each Commissioner to review.
- Commissioner Key reported that general recycling is done in school class rooms and the lunch room. Beth Fisher is coordinating the Green Goddess Program at the Elementary and Middle Schools. Ms. Fischer, reviewed all the events that are planned at Sicomac School and her efforts to encourage the other schools to perform similar sustainable and recycling activities. She said the Washington Wellness Wizards lead by Wendy Coffey recognizing a healthy earth, a healthy me. Alexandra Martl is the Lincoln School Green Goddess. Ms. Martl explained to the Commissioners all the activities that she will suggest and provide for the students. John Adams will speak on Recycling at each school as part of the Environmental Commission/Green Team recycling awareness programs.
- Heather Prium, student GT Member volunteered to create a recycling video for the WEC's schools recycling awareness program which will be launched for Earth Day. Commissioner Key would work with Ms. Prium on this project.
- Chair Wiederhold said there was a complaint from a resident regarding fire place and wood burning stoves and how it affects the Wyckoff quality of air. He said there is no state law against wood burning in a fire place or wood burning stove.

IV Planning Board Update

- Planning Board Liaison Robert Fortunato reported on the status of the Planning Board. One application was deemed complete which will be further considered in March regarding renovations at lodges on the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat campus to accommodate ADA regulations.

VIII Next meeting

Chair Wiederhold said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 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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