

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
FEBRUARY 22, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, February 22, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Harriet Shugarman; Christopher DePhillips; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Christine Key; Randy Hoogerheyde; John McCauley; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Robert Shannon, Administrator filling in for Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan McQuaid, Secretary

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams

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 February 22, 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 January 25, 2016 meeting minutes.
Motion: DePhillips Second: Hoogerheyde
Fortunato Y McCauley Y Key Y Hoogerheyde Y
Madigan ABS DePhillips Y Shugarman Y Wiederhold Y

II Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

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

- 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. The WEC requested that those PSA's be reissued.

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- Commissioner Harriet Shugarman reviewed the 2016 Sustainable Jersey certification application. Currently Wyckoff is the only municipality out of the 70 Bergen municipalities to be certified as a New Jersey Silver Award Community. Harriet would like to recertify the township at the silver level. The WEC agreed. Harriet reviewed each category and requested members to step forward and volunteer to complete various categories.
- The Town wide clean-up day known as "Team Up to Tidy Up" (TUTU) is set for April 16, 2016. Volunteers are needed at Town Hall 8:15 a.m. to approximately 9:15 a.m.
- The free personal paper recycling event known as "Shredfest" will be conducted on Saturday April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 475 W. Main Street. Volunteers are needed.
- FLOW Film Festival will have 4 showings. Three (3) will be at the Library, dates to be announced, and one (1) at Ramapo High School on April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Chair Wiederhold reviewed the WyckoffGreenTeam.org website. The website has not been updated since June 2015. He is working on obtaining the necessary information from the former webmaster so it may be updated.
- 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.
- Harriet Shugarman distributed a written letter from a resident of Hawthorne who sent a letter to the Environmental Commission. The letter was distributed for Commissioners to review.
- Commissioner Shugarman introduced Beth Fisher. Ms. Fisher is coordinating the Green Goddess Program at the Elementary and Middle Schools. Ms. Fisher 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.
- Commissioner McCauley reviewed his efforts to schedule a public information session with Ridgewood Water regarding water quality. He will work with the Board of Health and schedule an event.
- John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, reported that a committee consisting of him, Christopher DePhillips and Tom Madigan interviewed candidates who expressed an interest to serve as student members of the Environment Commission. Mr. Adams introduced the following 4 students who will assist the WEC this year. Julie Wisniewski and Andrew Sander, who will serve as Member of the WEC and Heather Pruim and Mary Adams will serve as members of the Green Team. The Wyckoff Environment Commission welcomed these students to the WEC and the Green Team and encouraged them to be active, to be a liaison to the school Environmental Clubs and to provide the Commission with their opinions, ideas and energy.

OLD BUSINESS

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- Commissioner DePhillips reviewed the Mayors Wellness Committee. He has been added to the roster and will report back to the WEC based on future meetings.
- Mr. Madigan reported on the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline. Mr. Madigan indicated that 2 weekends ago he attended a Saturday morning meeting in Chatham, NJ with community representatives of communities where the proposed pipeline is planned to be constructed through those municipalities. Mr. Madigan listened and brought back important information but indicated that most of the focus was on the municipalities to raise money in opposition of the pipeline. A discussion resulted regarding who would approve the Pilgrim Pipeline. Since the pipeline is an interstate oil line there is no federal oversight. A decision to approve or deny the pipeline would be granted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- Township Administrator Bob Shannon reported that the spring resident newsletter will again contain the percentage that Wyckoff residents recycle their solid waste. In 2015 the township's recycle meter will reflect 34.53%. That percentage has increased from 2014 which was 33.53%. That rate increased from 2013 which was 32.70% and that percentage increased from the 2012 rate from 34.41%. Please note that the once a week recycling collections instituted in 2013 by the 2012 Mayor Christopher DePhillips have contributed to the increased recycling rate.

GREEN TEAM UPDATE

- Commissioner Key reported that Ramapo High School has scheduled an environmental rally with 14 speakers presenting 14 workshops. Commissioner Shugarman will be leading one of those workshops.

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, March 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Madigan and seconded by Commissioner Key to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Shannon, Acting Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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