

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)  
OCTOBER 16, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, October 16, 2017  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde; John McCauley; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Celeste Homaychak; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Julia Alfano, Junior Member; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

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 October 16, 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 Election of New Chairman – Thank you to Pete Wiederhold**

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

Commissioner Key made a motion to nominate Commissioner McCauley as Chairman to serve to the end of the year. Second, Commissioner Capparelli. The Commissioners unanimously agreed. Committeeman Madigan thanked Commissioner Pete Wiederhold for his time served on the Wyckoff Environmental Commission.

**II Motion was made and seconded to adopt the September 18, 2017 meeting minutes.**

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

**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017  
Upcoming and Past Events**

**IV New Business**

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- **SHREDFEST** – Saturday, October 7, 2017  
The Shredfest provided the second free event this year at which residents could drop off their personal confidential documents that were shredded and then entered the recycling stream. Approximately 110 residents deposited their personal documents which resulted in approximately 6,000 pounds or three (3) tons of shredded recycled paper. No date has been set for the Spring Shredfest. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted our resident recyclers and contribute to a successful event.
- **SOLICITATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS**  
Commissioner Capparelli said this information has been given to the Wyckoff Business Network as well as Nick Rea giving it to students at Bergen Academies and Dan O'Connell putting it on schoology.
- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**  
Commissioner Key said the township will need recertification by December 2019.
- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update  
Commissioner Key will obtain these numbers for the November meeting.
- **“Waste It Once, Pay For It Twice”** – Public information program to encourage recycling.
- **Only rain in the drain** – Public information program to discourage littering and people pollution  
Chairman McCauley will speak with Bob Shannon regarding the above items.
- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS** – Update  
Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies, created a waste budget and came up with a savings of \$118,806.46 per year if 1,669.928.49 lbs. of composting was done per year. He said he will send his total calculations to Commissioner Madigan. Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo, said he continues to work on his info gram on what can be done to help with climate change in town. Julia Alfano, Green Team Member, has been updating the wildlife section of the Environmental Resource Inventory.

**V OLD BUSINESS**

- **Mayor's Wellness Committee** (a component of Sustainable Jersey)  
Commissioner Madigan said the Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents
- **WEC website/Facebook/Twitter** – Update  
Commissioner Key would like the hazardous waste collection dates added to the WEC website as well as when the next hazardous collection will be. Commissioner Madigan said the new website has been launched. The WEC will all go on the WEC website and check the page for information since the Wyckoff Website has been updated.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT** - Update  
Commissioner Key said the comments for this project has been extended to Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee will meet on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Library to put the rough draft together. Commissioner Madigan read into the record Resolution #17-261 which state this

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updated resource will be used in the preparation of a master plan review as well as serving as a Sustainable Jersey best practice. He added that funds were made available in the 2017 annual budget for this update

**VI Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato**

Commissioner Fortunato said a five (5) lot subdivision is pending on the Meer property. The existing manor home will remain and 4 additional lots will be created. The Wyckoff Community Park is located in the rear of this property.

**VII 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 Beth Fischer, liaison to the elementary and middle schools, reported that Eisenhower School Community Garden students and parent volunteers moved 10 yards of top soil last week into the 10 raised beds in the Community Garden. The 8th grade WEL students calling themselves the Bee Buzzers are planting 3 of the beds with native pollinator plants this week to encourage a healthy bee and butterfly population in our town. She added that Sicomac School Green Ambassadors club are busy taking care of the Outdoor Classroom and recently helped to plant mums around the Sicomac School sign on Sicomac Ave. The walk/bike to school day on October 4<sup>th</sup> was great. There were over 170 kids, parents, babies in strollers and dogs ditch their cars that day. The Lincoln School recently had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Lincoln Community Peace Garden followed by an outdoor movie event for students and their families. The garden project was managed by a former Lincoln student, Zac DeCurtis, who is currently a Boy Scout and is in the process of obtaining his Eagle Scout badge
- Commissioner Key said the Girl Scout leader will be attending the November meeting. The Girl Scouts will also be placing a plaque by the Butterfly Garden. Commissioner Key said on October 19, 2017 there will be a solar 101 Seminar – Geoscape Solar at the Glen Rock Borough Hall at 7 p.m.

**VIII Next meeting – November 20, 2017**

**IX Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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