

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)  
JUNE 19, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, June 19, 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; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harriet Shugarman; JR Frank

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 June 19, 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 Motion was made and seconded to adopt the May 15, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

**II PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

No Comments

**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017  
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**

Chair Wiederhold said the WEC did not receive a grant this year.

**IV NEW BUSINESS**

- **FISHING DERBY** – June 3, 2017 at Zabriskie Pond  
Board Member McCauley said this event was well attended and a great success. Members of the Township Committee and the Environmental Commission were available to assist Fran Piskadlo and Bob Shannon. The Junior Members Dan and Nick were very helpful in measuring the fish.
- **WYCKOFF DAY** – June 3, 2017

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Chair Wiederhold said Wyckoff Day started with a Mayor's Wellness Walk around the new Pulis Field. Commissioner McCauley said Ridgewood Water supplied empty vials for water testing and well as 5 minute shower timers. Rain barrels, composters and Wyckoff canvas bags were available for purchase. A WGT T-shirt was given as a prize. ANJEC water wheel game and storm water display was borrowed for this event. Commissioner Key and Commissioner Capparelli said composting safe lawn fertilizer and water conservation materials were distribute to families who visited the booth. Commissioner Key showed the ne and Junior Commissioners a quilt that was made out of Recycled T-shirts by Amanda Brefach, sophomore at RHS, in June 2011 that is used/displayed during WEC/WGR events and hung in the Recreation Department Office when not in use at events.

- **2018 CALENDAR DATES**

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar dates for 2018. They would like Earth Day, Wyckoff Day and the Shredfest dates added to the Township of Wyckoff calendar. The WEC also agreed to cancel the July 17, 2017 regularly scheduled Environmental Commission meeting.

- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY – GOING FORWARD**

Harriet Shugarman said Wyckoff's Sustainable Jersey Certification expires December and spoke of the importance of documenting events and actions as we go along and not wait until they are due. She said that some of the water events can be updated now. She said that Wyckoff is the only town in Bergen County that has achieved the silver certification and the next level is a new level - Gold Star Standard. Silver re-certification was achieved in October 2016. Certification is active for 3 years and will expire in December 2019. This Gold Star Standard is on waste & energy. Commissioner Capparelli said she is working on brown fields with Sustainable Jersey. Ms. Shugarman said there is a Sustainable Jersey summit in Ewing, NJ this Wednesday. Ms. Shugarman passed around a flyer on Glen Rock Renewable Energy Aggregation (GRREA) which is a program that reduces residents' energy bills while purchasing electric power from alternate energy sources. Chair Wiederhold said the WEC should speak with the Township Committee and consider partnering with Glen Rock to make energy regional. Mr. Madigan agreed to review with the Township Committee and Mr. Shannon and report back to use.

- **“WASTE IT ONCE, PAY FOR IT TWICE”** – Public information program to encourage recycling. This program was identified in the April 2017 resident newsletter of the Township of Wyckoff and to encourage more people to recycle and pre-cycle. Ideas and volunteers are requested.

- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update

At the June WEC meeting Commissioner Key said the recycometer reading for March is 31.18%, April is 34.48% and May is 34.46%.

- **ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN** – This is a public information program to discourage littering, pet waste and people pollution. Ideas and volunteers are requested. Chair Wiederhold said he would inquire as to what the WEC/WGT can do to help.

- **DON'T TREAT YOUR RECYCLABLES LIKE TRASH! Recycle, recycle, recycle** – This is the Township's primary public information effort to persuade residents to help the other township residents reach the “nifty-fifty” (the State of New Jersey's mandate for each municipality to recycle 50% of t heir waste). Ideas requested to further promote recycling.

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- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS**

Junior Member Dan O'Connell said he will provide a power point or Instagram on the effect of carbon dioxide on the climate. He said New Jersey is #16 in producing carbon dioxide emissions. He also said New Jersey produces 6% of solar energy in the country.

Junior Member Nick Rea said his project will be composting and he will be measuring by weight how much money can be saved on composting verses garbage. Commissioner Key said there is outdoor recycling of vegetative yard waste compost at the DPW site that would be helpful to Nick for his WEC/WGT project.

Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank reported for John Adams absent from the meeting that Spring Lake Meadows Homeowner Association would like a presentation on Recycling. Chair Wiederhold will follow up with John Adams/Spring Lake Association and report back at the next meeting or beforehand.

**V OLD BUSINESS**

- **MAYOR'S WELLNESS COMMITTEE** (a component of Sustainable Jersey)

The Mayor's Wellness Walk around Pulis Field began Wyckoff Day. Around 30 people participated in this event. Township Committeeman Madigan and Commissioner Key participated in the walk.

- **WEC website/Facebook/Twitter** – Update

Commissioner Key said the TUTU T-shirt design entries for 2017 have been added to the website by Krista, Special Projects Coordinator. All entries are posted and all schools are represented. If you haven't had the opportunity to check it out please visit the WEC/WGT webpage.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT** – Update

Commissioner Fortunato and Commissioner McCauley said they will meeting again in July. Commissioner Key said that Green Team Member Julia Alfano is updating the wildlife section of the Inventory and focusing on deer and bear. Committeeman Madigan asked that the Commissioner's identify the areas that will require monetary funding. Commissioner McCauley said this project will need to meet ANJEC's requirement for Sustainable Jersey status. The goal remains to complete this project by the end of year 2017.

**VI 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, Green Team Task Force Member, said that Sicomac School Green Ambassadors made seed packets from recycled flyers and filled them with Marigold seeds that were harvested from the Sicomac Outdoor Classroom. They paper clipped the green paper to the seed packet and each student got one in their Friday folder last week. She said that

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students also made recycled planters for the Healthy Living Fair at Sicomac School on 5/12/17.

- Commissioner Key said that NYC is installing composting toilets in their comfort stations in Prospect Park. This project will save 250,000 gallons of water a year from going into the city's sewer system.
- Harriet Shugarman said that on Thursday, June 22, 2017 the Empire State Building tower lights will be lit in yellow in honor of the National Wildlife Federation and National Pollinator Week.
- Commissioner Madigan said the Zabriskie House is undergoing a comprehensive Historical Preservation Study that will take approximately 16 weeks.

**VII PLANNING BOARD UPDATE**

- Commissioner Fortunato said the Planning Board has been reviewing the Ridgewood Water generator applications for 7 well/pump facilities in Wyckoff. Ridgewood Water is proposing to install diesel gas powered emergency generators which will provide emergency power during power outages so Ridgewood Water can continue to provide drinking water to the area. On June 14, 2017 the Planning Board recommended the installation of the diesel generators subject to screening, color and limited noise levels at the property lines.

**VIII Next meeting** – July 17, 2017 meeting has been canceled.  
Next meeting is August 21, 2017

**IX Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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