

# WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## February Public Business Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, February 26, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John McCauley, Chair; Christine Key; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Denise Capparelli; Celeste Homaychak; Peter Melchionne; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Jasmine Ho, Junior Member Indian Hill's; Allison Sassano, Junior Member Ramapo; Alex Sullivan, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Randy Hoogerheyde; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies

**GREEN TEAM MEMBERS:** JR Frank; John Adams; Beth Fischer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John McCauley, Chairman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by John McCauley:

"The February 26, 2018 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 to approve minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting

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

### II Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2018

- **SITE TOUR** of Covanta Energy Corporation – Saturday, April 14, 2018 (tentative)  
Chair McCauley said this recycling facility tour is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 10 a.m. Commissioner Capparelli said it's a very educational tour and the WEC will be able to get Sustainable Jersey points for recycling. Ms. Capparelli said she will follow up on this tour and its scheduling.
- **GREEN TEAM VOLUNTEERS** – initiative for new members  
Chair McCauley said that three (3) residents showed interest in becoming a Green Team Member but are not present this evening.

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#### III New Business

- **NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM** – Home Energy Audit Program  
JR Frank, Green Team Task Force Member, said the Thursday, March 1, 2018 film at the Library will be on solar energy. He said the NJ Clean Energy Program is not fully funded.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT**  
Commissioner Capparelli said the first draft of the ERI Project has been completed. The Project Team will meet again on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 with the final maps and charts.
- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY** – Certification renewal/Achievement list submittal  
Chairman McCauley said he would like the Junior Members to work on the Sustainable Jersey renewal. He said Wyckoff is the first town in Bergen County to receive the highest rating of silver and the town will recertify at silver level since there is not a gold level. Chair McCauley reviewed a list of Wyckoff Green Team Volunteers for 2018 with the Commissioners. The 2018 Green Team Member list was updated.
- **RECYCLOMETER**  
Commissioner Key reported that the January 2018 statistic was at 37.97%.
- **FLOW FILM FESTIVAL** – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018  
John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, said the March 8, 2018 film will be on Butterflies. Commission Key suggested that Wendy and the girl scouts can do an outreach each year for Sustainable Jersey points. She added that a sign also needs to be installed at the Russell Farms Community Park identifying the Butterfly Garden. JR Frank, Green Team Task Force Member said the film on March 15 will be at Ramapo High School on food waste and the film on March 22 will be at the Wyckoff Library on Green energy diametric design.
- **TEAM UP TO TIDY UP** - Saturday, April 28, 2018 (rain date Saturday, May 5, 2018) – 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall to help set up - Need volunteers! Contests?
- **SHREDFEST** – Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – posted hours ~ Volunteers needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (to help clean up after event)

Commissioner Key said that TUTU and the Shredfest along with Arbor Day are all on the same day. She said it is too late to have a T-shirt design contest. She will speak to Bob Shannon and Fran Piskadlo about creating out own T-shirt logo for the event. Chairman McCauley said he will send out an email requesting volunteers for TUTU and the Shredfest.

- **WYCKOFF SCHOOL'S GREEN WEC/WGT LIAISON REPORT**  
Wyckoff School's Green WEC/WGT Liaison Report - Commissioner Key  
Beth Fischer, Wyckoff School's Green Liaison to the WEC/WGT, said the "Wyckoff Green Team Volunteers Wanted" flyer was sent to all schools for the PTO eblast and to post on the PTO websites. She added that at Coolidge School they are revamping the school-wide recycling program with recycling pledges for every classroom that students and teachers will sign and will do lunchroom presentations to all the grades so students know

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what can be recycled. At Lincoln School the planned events for Earth Day include walk or bike to school, students and staff are encouraged to wear green, and they're collecting new or used garden equipment for their new peace garden planting event in May. At Sicomac School they had a great response to our January Electronics collection and were able to give Habitat for Humanity a box full of small electronics (cell phones, e-readers, calculators, etc.) February recycling collection is used crayons and markers. Crayons are mailed to Crazy Crayons to be made into new crayons and markers are mailed back to Crayola to be turned into fuel. We will have a raffle for students to guess how many pounds of each were collected with the prizes being recycled crayons from Crazy Crayons. March recycling collection is batteries. We also plan have a raffle for students to guess how many pounds of batteries have been collected this school year - prize to be determined. Green Ambassadors will be finishing up their painted rocks with green messages this week and will place them around town with the twitter handle @sicomacgreen. We hope that people will post where they've found their rocks. The twitter feed will also be used to post educational environmental articles. Green Ambassadors were asked to have a table to the Wyckoff Y Healthy Kids Day. We'll likely have information on recycling, plastic bag recycling and using Britta water filters rather than plastic bottles. At Eisenhower School the 6th grade Science classes are researching what seeds to start inside so they're ready to plant in the Community Garden this spring. Each 6th grade science class has adopted 2 raised beds in the garden.

#### **IV Old Business**

- **MAYOR'S WELLNESS COMMITTEE** (a component of Sustainable Jersey)
  - ♥ February is Healthy Heart monthCommissioner Madigan said the Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents.
- **WEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/TWITTER**  
Nancy Cole continues to post information on the website for the WEC.

#### **V PLANNING BOARD UPDATE – Robert Fortunato**

Commissioner Fortunato reported that the Bank of America application was approved for a drive through kiosk and a minor subdivision on Paul Court will be able to extend the sewer system for future hook up by neighboring property owners.

#### **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
- JR Frank, Green Team Task Force Member, recommended that Wyckoff create a dog park with Oakland for sustainable points for an animal community. Commissioner Madigan expressed concern for funding of construction and maintenance for the taxpayers. Chair McCauley said he will reach out to Bob Shannon to discuss this opportunity.

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- Commissioner Key said Hub had its first meeting and her, Pete Wiederhold, Harriet Shugarman, Denise Capparelli and JR Frank attended. Commissioner Key and Green Team Member John Adams will attend the steering committee meeting on March 1, 2018. Regional hubs have formed across New Jersey and are comprised of municipal and schools green team and environmental commission members, municipal and county representatives, and business, community and nonprofit leaders. Sustainable Jersey is committed to helping our green teams build capacity through training, best practice resources and networking. In keeping towns connected to each other, green teams gain the opportunity to learn what has been successful elsewhere in the state and partner on projects with neighboring towns and schools in order to boost limited resources.
- Chairman McCauley asked the Junior Members if they have thought about what their project will be. Junior Member Dan O'Connell said his project may be on electric vehicle charging stations; Junior Member Alex Sullivan is interested in anti-idling; Junior Member Jasmine Ho will research with water or recycling and how to label bins; Junior Member Allison Sassano will speak on recycling and composting to avoid trash and integrate it into schools.
- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said carpet recycling is a big issue in discarding since most companies do not accept it anymore.

**VII Next meeting – March 19, 2018**

**VIII Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee