

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
FEBRUARY 27, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2017

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; John McCauley; Denise Capparelli; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Randy Hoogerheyde

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: JR Frank; Mark Niederman; Nick Rea, a student from Bergen Academy, has applied to be a Junior Member of the WEC.

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 27, 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 January 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: McCauley Second: Key
Fortunato Y Capparelli Y McCauley Y Key Y
Hoogerheyde Y 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

IV New Business

TUTU SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 (rain date 4/8/17) – Need volunteers!

- A bookmark and a trifold pamphlet were suggested as a giveaway for this year’s TUTU event by Commissioner Key. It was discussed and decided at the November meeting that the bookmark would be used this year but as a SAVE the DATE and distributed prior to the TUTU. It was decided a T-Shirt would be the giveaway item. Commissioner Capparelli created the bookmark and led the project; Commissioner Key assisted. This was a pilot project for the WEC/WGT with

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limited funds and quantity distributed to the schools, library and town hall. The theme of the book mark is to increase awareness of Wyckoff's recycling best practices and our Nifty Fifty recycling program. Based on the feedback from the schools it will be decided if we should repeat the program and perhaps submit the idea as a grant proposal going forward. 1000 bookmarks were ordered at a total cost of \$140.00 (\$120 bookmarks, \$20 shipping), from Printing Techniques, Nutley, N.J. Bookmarks will be distributed on Friday, March 3, 2017 to the Elementary Schools, Eisenhower Middle School through their Library and the Wyckoff Public Library.

- Commissioner Key and Commissioner Capparelli presented the T-shirt entries to the Commissioners. 90 designs were submitted. Three (3) school grade categories were chosen along with a grand prize winner whose design will be printed on the TUTU T-shirt for the year 2017.

SHREDFEST – SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 – 9 a.m. to 11a.m. Volunteers needed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- Chairman Wiederhold said volunteers will be needed and CERTS volunteer to help unload the recycle and help with traffic control.

FLOW FILM FESTIVAL

- JR Frank, Green Team Member, said the 4 films have been chosen to be shown at the Wyckoff Public Library, 200 Woodland Avenue at 7 p.m. They are: Thursday, March 16 at the Wyckoff Library: "Death by Design"; Thursday, March 23 at Ramapo High School: "PUMP"; Thursday, March 30 at the Wyckoff Library: "Silence of the Bees"; and Thursday, April 6 at the Wyckoff Library: "The Highlands *Rediscovered*". He added that each week before the film is shown there will be an e-blast of the film.

- **2016 JUNIOR MEMBERS – Participation Certificates**

The 2016 Junior Members could not be present this evening. Their certificates will be mailed to them.

- **2017 JUNIOR COMMISSIONER - Status**

Nick Rea, a freshman at Bergen Academy, has applied to be a Junior Member of the WEC. Chair Wiederhold said on Monday, March 6 an invitation will be extended to the Ramapo and Indian Hills High Schools.

- **Proposed Water Symposium with Ridgewood Water for Wyckoff residents - discussion**

Commissioner McCauley said he attended the Ridgewood Water symposium in Ridgewood where they discussed that chromium is on the water list as a contaminant. He suggested working with the FLOW film festival and having a symposium on April 6 in conjunction with the film, "The Highlands *Rediscovered*". This film will discuss the NJ Highland Region that provides water for more than half of the State's population. There will be a discussion of the future of our water supply after the film.

V Old Business

MAYORS WELLNESS COMMITTEE (a component of Sustainable Jersey)

- ♥ February is Healthy Heart month. Useful and timely information was posted each week in February.

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- Township Committee Representative Madigan said that in conjunction with Wyckoff Day in June there will be a Mayor's Wellness walk at Pulis Field. The Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents.

PILGRIM PIPELINE

Chair Wiederhold said that recently there was an article in the newspaper that part of the Hudson River could soon become a virtual parking lot for the scores of oil barges that travel the waterway. The U.S. Coast Guard is evaluating a proposal that would allow up to 16 barges to drop anchor in the middle of the river between Alpine and Yonkers, N.Y., to accommodate an expected increase in the amount of oil hauled to and from Albany N.Y. It is the largest and southernmost of seven proposed anchorages on the Hudson, and has spurred local officials, residents and environmental groups in New York. In Jersey more people live along the state's 26 miles of waterfront than ever before. New Jersey may need to give permission to this use of the waterway.

WEC/WGT WEBPAGE, FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNT - Update

Commissioner Key said the WEC web page was updated and the WEC is working well with Krista, Special Projects Coordinator. All content wished to be posted must be sent in an as-ready to post format to Krista. All post requests will need to be approved by Bob Shannon and will be posted by Krista. Township Committee Representative Madigan said the 2018 town calendar theme will be Recycling & Green Wyckoff. The WEC will assist Bob Shannon with this project.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT – Update

Commissioner Fortunato and Commission McCauley said the committee will meet again in April to continue the process of updating the Natural Resource Inventory book. The goal is to complete the project by the end of 2017.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLE – In 2016 residents recycled at a rate of 34.07%

JR Frank, Green Team Member, noted that the single stream recycle is calculated by weight. Township Committee Representative Madigan said there will be a spring vegetation waste pick up in the spring.

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

VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

Commissioner Fortunato said that the Planning Board recently approved a 4 lot subdivision.

VIII Next meeting – March 20, 2017

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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