



# Village of Westchester

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## **GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 11, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – Alex Silva**
  - a. Next Month 7/10/25:
5. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way (5 min)**
  - a. Approval of 5/1/25 regular meeting minutes
6. **Quarterly Reports – Liz W-Chase (5 min)**
  - a. Q1 - 2025: Kari
  - b. Q2 - 2025: Walt
7. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Representatives – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
8. **New Business**
  - a. Indigenous Energy, Inc. – Biodiesel strategic advisor - Liz
  - b. Discuss locations for tabling – Liz
  - c. Discuss alternative locations/platforms for GROW events - Liz
  - b. Seed Packets - Kari
  - c. Composter Offer - Kari
9. **Old Business (50 min)**
  - a. **Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and Subcommittee Updates – Liz (15 min)**
    - a. Subcommittee reports:

- i. Water – Mariana Nicolae/Walt
- ii. Municipal Operations – Kari/Demitrus
- iii. Climate – Kari/Alex
- iv. Energy – Liz/Walt

**b. SBC Stipends Fiscal Years Ending (FYE) 4/25 and 4/26– Nikki (10 minutes)**

- a. Overview process for FY'26
- b. Results of ranked choice for FY'26

**c. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz (15 min)**

**d. Newsletter Article Ideas/Support - Liz (5 min)**

**Comments (5 min)**

- a. Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation Meeting Highlights **Liz (10 min)**

**10. Public Participation** - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

**11. Adjournment**

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2025 Planning Calendar				
Event	Organizer	Date		
Juneteenth Tabling – 11a-4p	Nikki	June 21 <sup>st</sup>		Need volunteers to table
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade - EV Car / E-Bike Show - 9:30	Walt	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmed	Promotion underway – 3 people signed up
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade ComEd Electric Truck – 9:30	Liz	July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Referred to Annie as Village Liaison to ComEd
Centennial Celebration Tabling	?	July 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>		
Summer Movie Night	Walt		Proposed	Annie needs to reach out to Phil @ intermediate school.
Town Hall Meeting over coffee	Walt		Proposed	
National Night Out Tabling Promote September Events	?	August 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Prairie Fest Tabling	Liz	September 6 <sup>th</sup> 10a – 4p		Need volunteers to table
Solar Event with Marina Minic	Liz	September?	Rescheduling underway	Will be recorded for GROW page
Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution (CS2) with Sharon Alegado	Liz	September?	Rescheduling underway	Will be recorded for GROW page.
Energy Efficiency with Tori Woolbright	Liz	September?	Rescheduling underway	Need 2 Commissioners to run energy efficiency games while energy efficiency speaker signs residents up for free

				energy efficiency assessments/kits. Will be recorded
Climate Action Event	Walt	September	Proposed	
Prairie Fest Tabling	Liz	September 6 <sup>th</sup> 10a – 4p		Need volunteers to table
Reuse-a-palooza	Nikki	September 20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup>	Proposed	Confirmed date?
Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari	Fall 2025 – after Reusapalooza?	Proposed	Parking lot at Church by community center. Will possibly need Public Works to help move traffic and set up tents. Evie suggests getting volunteers – put a call out and ask what they will be doing. Would reach out to other places (pet supply – blankets). Evie asked for a proposal with space needs.
Home Electrification	Liz	Fall/Winter 2025	Proposed	Defer for time being.
Tabling Compost/Pumpkin Smash	??			Need organizer and volunteers
Pumpkin Smash	??	November 8 & 9	Proposed	Need organizer

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
July 2025	? Need Topic	? Need Writer
August 2025	Solar	Liz
September	Waste reduction/recycling to tie in with Reusa and SCARE events	

2025 GROW Commission Priorities: Education/Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan