



Village of Westchester

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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

September 5, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. 6:30 - Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Inspiration – Annie Canavan
 - . Next Month – 10/3/24:
5. Review of Minutes – Nikki Way
 - . Approval of 8/1/ 24 regular meeting minutes
6. Quarterly Reports
 - i. Second Quarter – Walt Wojcik
 - ii. Third Quarter - Walt
7. Old Business
 - . 2024 Newsletter Calendar
 - i. October: TBD
 - ii. Monthly: Plant-Based Recipes – Kari Roberg
 - a. 2024 Planning Calendar
 - i. *Debrief:* Concerts in the Park/EV Car Show August 28th – Walt
 - ii. *Proposed:* Outreach Table: Prairie Fest September 7th - Liz
 - iii. Movie Screening “Climate Change: The Facts” September 19th- Walt
 - iv. Reuse A Palooza September 21st & 22nd – LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - v. Tree Walk October 5th – LeeAnn
 - vi. Pumpkin Smash – November 9th - Kari
 - vii. *Proposed:* Guided Tour of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District – November 12th – Mariana Nicolae
 - b. Home Waste Reduction Resource – Kari
 - c. 2025 Event Calendar – Liz
 - i. Solar event with CUB in Spring - Liz
 - ii. Tour of/Collection event with SCARCE - Kari
 - iii. Bike safety event – Nikki/Lee

Village President
GREG HRIBAL

Village Clerk
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MARIANA NICOLAE
KARI ROBERG
NIKKI WAY
ELIZABETH WISEMAN-CHASE
WALTER WOJCIK

- iv. Climate action event – Walt
- v. Incentives for Electric Appliances – Liz W-Chase
- d. Sustainable Purchasing Statement - Kari

8. Updates from the Administrative Services Coordinator and Trustee Liaison –
Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic

- a. Community Energy Planning Grant - RFP status
- b. GRC – Greenest Region Compact baseline scoring update
- c. Tree Walk Site Visit Scheduling w Jim Semelka
- d. GROW Proposals for Westchester Schools
- e. Request to Purchase PurpleAir Monitor

9. New Business

- a. Anti-Idling Legislation – Liz
- b. Parkway Demonstration Plot/Buckthorn Grant - LeeAnn

10. Commission Comments

11. Staff/Board Representative Comments

12. 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.*

13. Adjournment

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2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan

Lee Kaufman	School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care
LeeAnn Kruszynski	Urban Forestry, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action
Mariana Nicolae	Water Quality/Sustainability, Composting, Climate Change Awareness
Kari Roberg	Zero Waste, Connection to Nature, Climate Action
Nikki Way	Reusa Palooza, Commission Marketing support, Green infrastructure/solar/rain and native garden/ecological interest walk, painted rain barrels
Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase	Climate Action Plan, Air Pollution/Health, Incentives for Electric Appliances, Solar Education
Walter Wojcik	Climate Action, Electric Vehicles, EV Car Show