

# Village of Westchester

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## **GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda**

November 6, 2025 @ 6:30pm Village Hall Board Room

- 1. 6:30 Call to Order
- 2. Pledge
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Inspiration Kari Roberg
  - a. Next Month 12/11/25 -
- 5. Presentation:
- 6. Review of Minutes Nikki Way (5 min)
  - a. Approval of 10/2/25 regular meeting minutes
  - b. Minutes of 11/6/25 Commissioner Silva
  - c. Next Month 12/11/25 -
- 7. Old Business
  - A. Quarterly Reports Nikki Way

i. Q3 – 2025: Commissioner Wojcik ii.Q4 – 2025: Commissioner Way

- B. Updates from Village Staff and Board Liaisons (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic
- C. Strategic Plan Nikki Way
- D. Energy Plan Liz W-Chase

Village President GREG HRIBAL

Village Clerk
SOPHIA COLLINS

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ANNIE CANAVAN
Village Attorney
MATTHEW WELCH

Commissioners

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MARIANA NICOLAE
KARI ROBERG
ALEX SILVA
NIKKI WAY
ELIZABETH WISEMANCHASE
WALTER WOJCIK

# E. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz W-Chase(10 min)

- a. Debrief: Tabling at The Farm Kari Roberg
- b. Pumpkin Smash
- c. Navigating Solar Options
- d. Energy Efficiency

### F. Event Proposals

- a. Climate Action Presentation Walt
- b. Waste Collection with SCARCE Kari
- **G.** Newsletter

#### 8. New Business

- a. GROW Podcast Demitrus + Annie
- b. Metrics Mariana
- c. Agenda items for next meeting

#### 9. Commission Comments

#### 10. Liaison Comments

**11. 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.

#### 12. Adjournment

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2025 Planning Calendar (One event per month, plan 3 months in advance)						
Month	Event	Organize r	Date	Location	Status	Notes
Oct-25						
Tabling	The Farm	Kari	Saturdays 10a-5p	The Farm	Approved	Need help of GROW members for tabling and former GROW members/ residents to assist
Nov-25	Pumpkin Smash	Kari	Nov 8-9		Approved	
	Navigating Solar Options with Grace Concialdi, CUB Solar Programs Coordinato r	Liz	Nov 19 12-1pm	Library	Approved	Live on Zoom Virtual presentation will be available for viewing at the Library with GROW and available afterwards on the GROW page of the Village website
Tabling						
Dec-25						
Tabling						
Jan-26	Energy Efficiency w/ Tori Woolbright	Liz	9 – 10:30 Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> Inclement weather date Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>		Approved	Set-up on Friday, doors open to public at 8:30 am, Need 2 Commissioners to help run energy efficiency games during event.
Tabling						
Feb-26						
Tabling						
Mar-26						
Tabling						
Apr-26						
Tabling						
TBD	Town Hall Meeting over coffee	Walt				Proposal pending
TBD	Climate Action Presentatio ns	Walt				Proposal pending

TBD	Home Electrificatio	Liz		Proposal pending
TBD Spring?	Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari		Proposal pending
July 18 <sup>th</sup> ?	GROW Table / Native Plant Education at GGG Garden Walk	Liz		Proposal pending

Newsletter Calendar				
Month	Article Topic	Author		
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari		
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt		
November 2025	Solar	Liz		
December 2025				
January 2026	Home Efficiency			

2026 Agenda Calendar (for reference)				
Month	GROW Business	Education topics		
January	SBC Stipend Kick-Off	Home Efficiency		
February	SBC Stipend Discussion			
March	SBC Stipend Vote			
April				
May	Fourth of July Planning	Native Plants		
June				
July				
August				
September		Recycling		
October				
November	Strategic Planning			
December	Strategic Planning			