



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

**August 7, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – Mariana Nicolae**
  - a. Next Month 9/4/25 -
5. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way (5 min)**
  - a. Approval of 5/1/25 regular meeting minutes
  - b. Approval of 6/11/25 regular meeting minutes
  - c. Approval of 7/10/25 regular meeting minutes
6. **Quarterly Reports**
  - a. Q1 - 2025: Kari Roberg
  - b. Q2 - 2025: Walt Wojcik
  - c. Q3 – 2025: Walt Wojcik
7. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Representatives – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
  - a. Energy Plan subcommittee
  - b. One Drive Training
8. **New Business**
  - a. Meeting Minutes – Evie
  - b. Event Planning Protocol – Evie
  - c. Discussion: Process for FY 2026 SBC Stipend Allocation -
  - d. Discussion: Zero Waste Guide – Kari

**9. Old Business (50 min)**

**a. Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and Subcommittee Updates – Liz (5 min)**

- a. Subcommittee reports:
  - i. Water – Mariana/Walt
  - ii. Municipal Operations – Kari/Demitrus
  - iii. Climate – Kari/Alex
  - iv. Energy – Liz/Walt - Table

**b. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz (10 min)**

- a. Reuse-a-Palooza
- b. Pumpkin Smash
- c. Tabling Events

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

**Comments (5 min)**

- 9. 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.*

**10. Adjournment**

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2025 Planning Calendar				
Event	Organizer	Date		
<b>Tabling @ Prairie Fest</b> Promote September/ October Events	Liz/Walt	September 6 <sup>th</sup> 10a – 4p Set-up 8a Breakdown 4p	Confirmed	Need volunteers: Walt: 8a setup & 10a-1p _____: 10a – 12p _____: 12p – 2p _____: 2p – 4p Liz: 1p-4p & breakdown
<b>Event: Reuse-a-palooza</b>	<b>Nikki/ LeeAnn</b>	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>34 sign-ups</b>
<b>Tabling</b> Compost/Pumpkin Smash	Mariana/ Kari	Various dates/ locations		Liz reached out to the manager of The Farm
<b>Pumpkin Smash</b>	<b>Kari</b>	<b>November 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Approved</b>	
Climate Action Presentation with Kari Roberg	Walt	September	Proposed	
Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari	Fall 2025 – after Reusapalooza?	Proposed	Evie asked for a proposal with space needs.
CUB Solar Event with Marina Minic or Grace Concialdi	Liz	October	Approved Rescheduling	Will be recorded for GROW page
Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution (CS2) with Sharon Alegado	Liz	October	Approved Rescheduling	Will be recorded for GROW page.
Energy Efficiency with Tori Woolbright	Liz	November?	Approved Rescheduling	Need 2 Commissioners to run energy efficiency games Will be recorded
Home Electrification	Liz	Winter 2026	Proposed	

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt

September 2025	Waste reduction/recycling to tie in with Reusa and SCARCE events	Nikki/Kari
	Federal changes to EV, solar, and home energy incentives. (blurb)	Liz
October 2025	Pumpkin Smash	Kari
	Federal changes to solar, and home energy incentives. (blurb)	Liz
November 2025		
December 2025		

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