



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

**December 5, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

**1. 6:30 - Call to Order**

**2. Pledge**

**3. Inspiration**

- a. Annie Canavan
- b. Next Month: 1-11-24:

**4. Roll Call**

**5. Review of Minutes**

- a. Approval of 11-2-23 minutes – Nicole Molinaro

**6. Presentation: C-4 – presentation and discussion by Victoria Vann**

**7. Old Business**

- a. January Newsletter Submission due 12/7/23: Nikki Way
  - i. Next Month due January 10th:
- b. 2023 Planning Calendar –
  - i. *Debrief*: “Pumpkin Smash” 11/4/23 – Matt Downs
  - ii. “Cross Community Climate Collaborative Town Hall” @ 6:00pm – 12/13/23 – Victoria Vann
- c. 2024 Meeting Dates: 1/11/24\*, 2/1/24, 3/7/24, 4/4/24, 5/2/24, 6/6/24, 7/11/24\*, 8/1/24, 9/5/24, 10/3/24, 11/7/24, 12/3/24\* – Nicole Molinaro
- d. 2024 Planning Calendar
  - i. Engagement on Climate Action: Climate Action Museum Tentative Dates: 1/12/24, 2/16/24, 3/15/24 @2pm - Liz Wiseman-Chase

- ii.* “Buckthorn and Healthy Hedges” with Dave Coulter - 1/18 @6:30pm – Nicole Molinaro
  - iii.* “Air Pollution and Your Health” with C. Patricia Macias-Huerta, MD, MPH and Liz Wiseman-Chase – February
- e. 2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan –
  - i.* Downs – Pumpkin Smash, Natural Lawn Care
  - ii.* Kaufman – School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care
  - iii.* Kruszynski – Tree Walk, Planting Demonstration, Arbor Day, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action Plan
  - iv.* Molinaro – Bee City USA, Composting, Natural Lawn Care, Buckthorn
  - v.* Nicolae – Water Quality/Sustainability – Composting, Climate Change Awareness
  - vi.* Way – Club Mend, Reusa Palooza, Commission Marketing support, Green infrastructure/solar/rain and native garden/ecological interest walk, painted rain barrels
  - vii.* Wiseman-Chase – Climate Action Plan, Air Pollution/Health, Incentives for Electric Appliances, Solar Education and Solar Walk, EV Car Show

## **8. New Business –**

- a. Discussion Commissioner terms ending 2/24

## **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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