

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 17, 2009, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
COURTROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVE MAMARONECK, NY 10543.

Present: Alice Pernick, Chair, Sarah Robbins Evans, Kate Hearst, Jean Peron, Toni Ryan, Liaison.

Absent: Tom O'Brien, Kevin LaFollette

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 6, 2009 meeting were approved.

Old Business: One bike rack of the three purchased by the Committee has been received, but it cannot be installed until spring. Sarah questioned where the Village code says bikes cannot be attached to Village property. Toni is going to ask the Village Attorney about this.

Leaf Blower Law: Alice suggested that when circumstances warrant, a warning letter be sent to the alleged violator stating that a violation by them was reported. This should occur when a violation has been reported, but the violator is gone before police arrive. The letter should remind the violator of the details of the law. Our Committee could draft the warning letter to be used by the Village. The incoming Board of Trustees will first need to review and approve of this procedure.

ICLEI Audit: The Committee will wait for newly-elected mayor to be installed before taking any action on the audit.

Winter Farmer's Market: The Market will take place at St. Thomas's Church beginning January 9 until May 22. Alice suggested that there should be a discussion with Miriam Hass regarding the higher prices charged at the Market and reducing packaging or using recycled paper. There was also a suggestion to use the Market as a forum for environmental education, for example, film on composting, giving out flyers on recycling and pesticides, etc.

Idling Law Enforcement: Sarah composed a letter on enforcement of this law. It will be sent to Sally Roberts (Deputy Clerk) to be printed on letterhead and distributed to the Mayor and Board. Alice thanked Sarah on behalf of the Committee.

Harbor island Recycling: Rich Slingerland (Village Manager) will follow up with DPW regarding locating recycling bins next to trash cans for the public's convenience. Rich will look into it.

CFL disposal (Compact Florescent Lights) Alice said there are no procedures in place to guide the disposal of CFL, as they contain mercury.

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Website Mission Statement: This will be tabled until next meeting,. More content will be needed to better inform the public.

Fields for Kids: The Board of Education has given all proper permissions to the Fields For Kids organization. There is nothing as a committee that can be done to block it. This is according to the Village Attorney (Janet Insardi.)

Used “stuff”: Joan Heilman suggested that usable discarded items be stored for pickup by those in need. The Board said there is no physical space for such an endeavor, but suggested it would allow these items to be posted on the website with contact information.

[Account Balances/Information:](#)

There is currently a balance of \$167.50 in Trust Acct. T9732. This Trust Fund Account receives monies only from the proceeds of cell phone/cartridge recycling.

[Important:](#) Alice noted that approval by the Board of Trustees must be made for each Trust Fund expenditure.

[The General Fund account is A.8510.0410. This account has a budget of \\$600.00 and 1,200.00 in encumbrances. There are no expenditures to date; the encumbered amount is for bike loops.](#)

[Important:](#) Alice noted that there is no need to request approval for expenditures of funds in General Fund Account

Next meeting is December 15.

Special Note:

The meeting ended with a hearty thanks to Alice, who is leaving the Committee, for her fine and diligent work as Chair.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron