MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF MAY 18, 2010, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COURT ROOM , 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK NY 10543.

Present: Sarah Robbins Evans, Jean Peron, Kathryn Hearst, Joan Heilman, Ann Metcalfe, Toni Ryan, Liaison

Excused: Tom O'Brien, Kevin LaFollete, Elsa Puerto-Rubin

Approval of Minutes: Minutes not available for April's meeting.

**New Members Introduction and Ideas for Subcommittees:** Ann Breen Metcalfe, new member, introduced herself to the Committee. Other new members, not present at this meeting are: Michaela Zeuss, Katherine Kaneko, Catherine Hiller.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ICLEI Audit:** Jean will be transferring the CACP (Audit) software to a portable, as the room it is presently housed in is frequently occupied.

**Bike Racks:** The bike racks are not in place as yet. Alternatives to racks are being researched. There are other appliances to secure bikes that can be attached to parking meters. The Committee would like to have more places to leave bikes.

**Update of Hampshire Country Club:** Kate reported that the HCC has been sold to a proprietary company which stated intentions to keep it as a golf course.

**Review of Sustainability EXPO of April 24, 2010:** The Larchmont Environmental Committee has generously sent us a check for \$1166.89, which is one third of the proceeds. Sarah said that Larchmont took the lead in the planning and implementing the event, and it was very gracious of them to share the proceeds. (Larchmont has been cited in the Patch online newsletter as one of the greenest municipalities in Westchester.)

## CTFE membership requirement: - tabled.

**Film on Composting**: We need somebody to write a script for the film. That is the last step before its completion.

**Thank You Kate:** Sarah thanked Kate on behalf of the Committee for her Green Week Flyer for EXPO.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Spring Clean-Up:** Will take place Saturday, May 22. Tom O'Brien will oversee the clean-up. The kickoff is at Columbus Park, where people will be assigned to clean-up areas. Gloves, bags, rakes, etc. will be supplied by DPW.

**Enforcement of Idling Law**: The law is being enforced in Rye Neck. The PD appreciated the RN PTA's letter thanking them for their part in enforcing the law.

**Concern with recycling in certain areas of Mamaroneck:** here are several areas of concern in Mamaroneck: Mamaroneck Avenue, Harbor Island, Village Court House, Police Station. Sarah suggested a walk-around to determine what, if any, recycling is being done. Kate and Michaela will ask PD about recycling in their offices. Manny of Robert's Stores on Mamaroneck Avenue would like more recycling bins, strategically placed, on the Avenue.

**Announcement of other environmental events**: Sarah mentioned other events of interest to the Committee: A composting exhibit and focus group to plan for next year, both at Sheldrake, and a Simple Solutions Event in Rye.

## Other concerns and ideas of new and old members:

Leaf-Blower Law posters should be put up. Toni will announce that digital cameras are now being accepted for recycling at the next VOM Board meeting.

Next meeting: June 15, 8:00 p.m. at Village Court Room

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron