

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COURT ROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK

Present: Elsa Puerto-Rubin, Sarah Robbins Evans, Jean Peron, Kathryn Hearst, Joan Heilman, Catherine Hiller, Michaela Zeuss

Excused: Ann Metcalfe, Toni Ryan, Liaison

Unexcused: Tom O'Brien, Kevin LaFollette

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for September 21, 2010, meeting were approved.

**Reports of Subcommittees**

Recycling Committee and General Communications- Joan Heilman found that our compost goes to a county transfer station and is sent to a the commercial organic recycling company. For this service, the Village pays the county \$15 per ton.

**Climate and help with Communications: Catherine Hiller**

Catherine reported that the 10-10-10 event was very successful. The event was to present to the Mamaroneck Public Library five electricity meters for use by patrons. There was a small reception after the formalities. Mayor Rosenblum gave the keynote address and demonstration of meter usage.

**Transportation** – Kathryn Hearst, Katherine Kaneko and Michaela Zeuss.

Katherine H. will try to contact person to help create bike lanes in Mamaroneck. Sarah suggested contacting Mamaroneck Town Board Member Marlene Kolbert who may help with establishing bike lanes in Mamaroneck

Michaela Z. has talked to the Poughkeepsie DOT regarding a talk on proper use of bikes and possibility of combining with the Bike Rodeo in the spring. Joan said bikes can be refurbished and sent to Third World Countries. Katherine K. said there is a Bike-Sharing Program in Washington D.C. and will get more info on this. Perhaps when proposed bike lanes are in place, the time might be better.

Green Way might be the best program for creating bike lanes. Nancy Seligman is in charge.

**Community Outreach** – Michaela, Sarah

Sarah reported that the first meeting went very well and was very informative. The MAS students' environmental achievements were described (worm composting, etc) and their outside garden and harvest (managed by parents) were noted. A useful link was given: Healthy Kids Healthy World ([www.hkhw.org](http://www.hkhw.org)) which may be used by Green Links to swap eco-tips, news events, etc. This website is maintained by Murry Ave School mothers.

Also, Alice Pernick (former chair of CTFE) said MAS partnered with WC to sponsor E-Waste Day. [www.westchestergove.com/treasurehunt](http://www.westchestergove.com/treasurehunt) or Good Will can be used to donate/exchange e-waste and other items. Alice said Walmart's collect used Elmer's glue sticks – see [www.elmersgluecrew.com](http://www.elmersgluecrew.com) for more details. The schools can run targeted recycling days, e.g. juice pouches, and use Terracycle ([www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)) to collect them.

**ICLEI Audit – Jean Peron**

Jean reported that Part I – Government Green House Gases has been completed. ICLEI will be sending links to websites where data for community section of audit is available.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joan Heilman will research best way to dispose of compact florescent light bulbs and fluorescent tubes. Pertinent details will be posted on the Village website and on trash pickup calendar.

Joan reported that at this time fruit rinds, etc. should not be included in the weekly organic pickup.

Joan said she had sent a letter from the CFTE to Judy Meyers supporting the Westchester County law to expand the types of recyclable plastics.

Global Work Party 10-10-10 – see above.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elsa Puerto-Rubin would like names of next chair and co-chair. The committee should have members who represent all sectors of our community.

The committee will ask Sally Roberts, Deputy Clerk, to send a letter to those members who have at least three or more unexcused absences.

**Other Business:**

Sarah sent a flyer announcing a Round Table Conference on October 23, 2010 – she also informed the Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.

Elsa said we should work with other environmentally-oriented committees, and private citizens who are acting for the benefit of the environment. There is a Sarah Robertson, former tree-committee member, who is planting trees around Mamaroneck. A suggestion was made to form a tree-subcommittee.

Sarah reported on an Energy Independence Town Hall Meeting she attended at the Larchmont Temple on October 6, 2010. Speakers offered their expertise on the many types of non-oil based energy: nuclear, biofuel, solar, natural gas and wind. The moderator was R. James Woolsey, former CIA director.

Sarah sent the committee flyers on the Climate Action Plan for the Town of Bedford on October 27, 2010. The purpose is to provide a blueprint for reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

Katherine K. suggested a talk be given by a person with experience in sustainable methods of energy saving, e.g. thermal heating.

Millie McGraw will attend our November meeting/ Millie is a member of the Larchmont Environment Committee.

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Policy for adding environmental information to the Village website was discussed. It was decided that any member wishing to add to the website should first get approval of co-chairs.

Next meeting: November 16, 2010, 8:00 p.m. at Village Court Room

Respectfully submitted:  
Jean Peron