

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF
MARCH 16, 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, Elsa Puerto-Rubin, Joan Heilman, Kevin LaFollette, Toni Ryan, Liaison

Excused: Kate Hearst, Tom O'Brien

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 16, 2010, were approved with corrections.

Mission Statement: The mission statement submitted to the BOT has been approved as the official mission statement for the CFTE. The Committee thanked Joan H. for her work.

Leaf Blower Law Enforcement: Effective May 15 to September 30. Kate sent last year's leaflet for distribution at EXPO and the Farmers' Market. The Sound and Town newspaper will be asked to put a notice in their paper. Joan will look into the Voice of the Village for placing a notice in their paper.

ICLEI Audit Jean reported that she has entered figures on refuse sent to the Westchester County Incinerator and is waiting to hear from Rich Slingerland regarding Con Edison's charges to the VOM for 2005 for their data on the VOM electric usage.

2nd Winter Farmer's Market: Community Market will send a representative to the CFTE for the April meeting. Activities this Saturday will be an art show sponsored by the Pelham Arts Council. Upcoming activities will be cooking lesson and music. In general, the vendors are satisfied with the attendance.

Composting Film AND The Apple High School Program: The film may be ready by the April EXPO and will now include misuse of pesticides.

Bike Racks: Toni reported the bike racks have been delivered and will be installed in the spring. She will check on their cost.

Hampshire Country Club: Kate sent a letter to the BOT regarding our position of purchase of the HCC. No response has been received as yet.

EPA Grants: Jean will look into the details involving the Federal grants for beach water testing.

Sustainability Expo: There is a conflict with a High School event. Hommocks School may possibly be used instead. Volunteers and sponsors are needed for work at the EXPO. Jennifer Jensen, Larchmont environment committee member, will visit a Chamber of Commerce meeting to ask for their support and participation. Volunteers would commit to one or two hours. The Mamaroneck BOT will help.

Anti-Idling Campaign – month of April: Sarah will contact the parents of Warren Ave and Bellows schools who work with the environment-oriented committees for their support.

Budget for the CTFE: Although Elsa will verify with the Clerk-Treasurer the feeling was that the Committee will get the same amount as last year.

Spring Clean-Up: Tom O'Brien has volunteered to spearhead a community clean-up. Date is May 1. DPW will give supplies such as gloves, bags, etc. Peggy Jackson, chair of Flood Committee would like to join with our Committee for the cleanup effort. A tentative date of May 24 has been set. Toni suggested that food and refreshments be served at the end of the clean-up time at a gathering of all workers at Harbor Island along with music to celebrate the day.

Increase in Committee Members: The BOT has approved the proposed increase to eleven members from the present seven members on our Committee. The Chairs asked that members put forth names of interested people.

Community Outreach:

- Reports from other committees: None
- Current environmental news: Elsa mentioned that she saw on a news show that a city in Jersey gives incentives for use of solar compactors in the home. She will get more information.
- Recycling Center: Jean said that the recycling center at Village Hall (Regatta) now accepts digital cameras.
- Village recycling support: Sarah would like a concentration of proper recycling efforts by the Village.

Announcements: The Junior League will place boxes for the food pantry in some stores during Greenweek. Suggested donations: boxed cereal, food containing protein. At least 700 families are in need.

RECAP OF COMMITTEE TASKS:

Joan – will send a notice to newspapers regarding the Leaf Blower Law.

Sarah – will be in touch with parents of Bellows and Warren Ave schools green programs.

Jean – will investigate the details of the EPA grant availability..

Elsa – will translate Leaf Blower law into Spanish.

Toni – will get a list of gardeners.

Next meeting is April 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron