

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
COURT ROOM , 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK NY 10543.

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

Excused: Katherine Kaneko, Ann Metcalfe, Kevin LaFollette

Unexcused: Tom O'Brien,

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for June 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

Goals and Timetable of Subcommittees

Transportation –Kathryn Hearst, Katherine Kaneko, Michaela Zeuss

- » Try to implement a bike test on Bike Rodeo Day at Rye Neck.
- » Bike Lanes in Mamaroneck
- » Contact new police chief re: no-idling at the schools.
- » More recycling bins at the Village – have kids paint them if possible.

Michaela and Katherine will exchange ideas with Kathryn H.
regarding the Green School Group.

Recycling and General Communications- Joan Heilman

» Will communicate with Westchester County regarding the
proposed the expansion the categories of plastic that can be
recycled. Joan will write a letter in support of this expansion.
There is not enough publicity of the inclusion of grey cardboard
allowed in the paper recycling.

Joan will look into whether fruit peels can be picked up in the
weekly organic pickup.

- » Joan will find out where recycled organic material goes.

Climate and help with Communications: Catherine Hiller

» Catherine would like the Committee to support a “Global Work Party” project on Sunday, 10-10-10 (Oct. 10, 2010) which is a special day set aside by environmental groups to promote green projects. It was decided that the committee would purchase electricity meters to donate to the Mamaroneck Library, who would lend them out to the public. Catherine will follow up on this project.

» Catherine will also talk to the Postmaster regarding instituting a paper recycling policy at the post office, as there is a substantial amount of paper that gets discarded..

Community Outreach – Michaela, Sarah (Kathryn H.)

» Kathryn H. will discuss paper recycling with the Police Department.

» Sarah said the camp director sent letters to parents re the no-idling law.

» Sara said she plans to work with the Apple Group which is willing to renew our partnership ---as the community outreach work part of our subcommittee.

1. This includes getting the film on composting finished which the students can be cast in and a script written. The work on a recycling presentation could be updated and improved upon.
2. The head of Apple, Nick Cuchiarella, has asked that seniors be given work in environmental areas as part of their community service requirements – and seeing how else the students can be involved as stewards for their generation for a green world!!

3. Nick has requested a meeting with the appropriate parties as soon as possible.

ICLEI Audit – Jean Peron

» No progress has been made in the completion of the audit, as a response from Con Edison is needed. Jean reported that she recently got another contact at Con Ed to communicate with and has sent an email. She will follow up. Catherine Hiller will help if needed. Jean showed the committee a report generated by the ICLEI software.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summer Farmers' Market (Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Attendance has been low. Elsa suggested that the committee members publicize it on a personal level. A suggestion was made to have school children visit the Market. There will be a cooking demo on October 5 at 1:30 to 3:30.

Statistics on the leaf-blowing law are not available.

NEW BUSINESS

Toni Ryan will talk to Toni Iacovelli, DPW Superintendent, regarding the proper disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Other Business: Announcements and environmental news.

Larchmont Environment Committee will be coming to our meeting in November.

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Elsa announced the Town of Mamaroneck has formed an environment committee, and hopes we could work with them.

Hydrofracking - An article was read to the committee regarding on the federal government's recent request for lists of hydrofracking chemicals being used in natural gas mining using shale deposits. The government will begin a study of the possibility of environmentally harmful practices.

CFLs - Using Village Hall as a possible drop-off for CFLs, This was discussed at the previous meeting. However it was determined that because mercury is contained in Compact Fluorescent Lights, there would be a hazard and disruption should a CFL be broken in Village Hall.

Electricity Meters: It was reported that libraries in other communities are lending these meters to the public to gauge home power usage. See above section on the "Global Work Party" regarding these meters.

Collection of Environmental materials. Sarah was given a collection of environmental materials donated by a citizen to the committee. She will itemize them and share with the committee. She also has the Adopt-A-Stream materials and will give it to the Village Manager's office to keep for reference.

Next meeting: October 19, 2010, 8:00 p.m. at Village Court Room

Respectfully submitted:
Jean Peron