

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2011 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL COURTROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

PRESENT: Sarah Evans Michaela Zeuss, Jean Peron, Phil Horner, Monica Barach, Shonna Keogan, Cathy Hiller, Joan Heilman, Toni Ryan (Liaison)

ABSENT: Ann Metcalfe, Marc Karell

The minutes of November 15, 2011 were approved

Subcommittee Reports:

Recycling Committee: An E-blast of the Recycling brochure has been sent. The brochure has also been mailed to the public. The Recycling Center on Fayette Street still needs improvement as far as signage, insufficient bins, etc. The Committee unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to Richard Slingerland, Village Manager, regarding its condition. Joan will compose the letter for the Committee's approval. Phil said that in reviewing the Recycling Brochure, he noted that the requirements for disposal of hazardous waste material seems to discourage public compliance. Phil will compose a letter for the CTFE regarding this matter.

Bicycle Regulations in Municipal Codes: Ann will report on a comparison of bicycle regulations in municipal codes of neighboring communities

Energy Audit: The energy subcommittee is waiting to meet with RS, so there is no news to report as yet. Toni said she will arrange a meeting for January, 2012. As yet, the Committee has not been notified that ICLEI is aware of the VOM's attaining the second milestone in the energy audit program. Toni will look into this matter.

Plastic Bag Law – Rye has instituted a plastic bag ban and Mamaroneck Village hopes to be next. Michaela and Monica spoke to the head of the Chamber of Commerce (owner of Toy Box Store, on Boston Post Road) , and he was in agreement with the law and will no longer use plastic bag but will sell cloth bags and offer discounts for their return. Plastic will be replaced by paper but the paper bag must be of 40% recycled paper. Monica went to Radio Shack also. During Green Week in April, the CofC will sponsor a children's poster program, with posters being put in store windows. Cathy asked if the CofC would like to endorse the film "Bag It."

No Idling Day – Was well received in Rye Neck. The next no-idling day will be in April.

LWRP - Phil said there hasn't been much action with the LWRP committee, and as far as he knows no meetings are scheduled. The end-of-year deadline will not be met.

Water Quality – Phil distributed a Water Quality Mission statement focusing on four main points: Education of Public, Research Tracking, Advocacy, Monitoring. It goes on to state that, "the first two mission headings are already within or committee's scope. Advocacy and

Monitoring require some discussion. Clearly they are very important and no one is directly responsible currently. These issues seem to call for dedicated Village Staff. Short of that, a citizens committee could be very useful and CFTE is in a position to take the lead." The CFTE unanimously agreed that a Water Quality Committee be established. Nancy Seligson was asked if she would be able to take some time to talk to Sarah or

anyone the committee wishes, regarding the kinds of things a water committee might consider undertaking, and said she would be happy to do so.

Plan to Co-ordinate with the TOM on plastic bag ban – See “Plastic Bag Law” above.

Environment Film Festival - Marlene Kolbert, TOM Film Festival Chair, suggested that the VOM should take the lead. Cathy was chosen as chairperson, as she has previous experience. A fiscal sponsor is needed – either an outside entity or the VOM CFTE. . Cathy pointed out that a sponsor donates monies while a supporter provides a service. Toni will check with Richard Slingerland and/or Village Attorney regarding the fiscal limitations of raising money. Cathy listed the many steps involved in getting the Festival up and running. Larchmont’s Committee has \$500, Cathy’s budget is \$1000. Sarah said our committee has \$1,336 in our Trust Account from an “Expo” of several years previous. The committee unanimously agreed that \$800 is max amount for the Film Festival. Nancy Seligson wants to be involved with the VOM regarding the showing of the “Bag It” film.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2012 –

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron