

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF MAY 17, 2011, AT 8:00 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL COURT ROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

Present: Sarah Evans, Michaela Zeuss, Ann Metcalfe, Cathy Hiller, Jean Peron, Joan Heilman, Kate Hearst, Toni Ryan (Liaison)

Absent: Kathy Kaneko, Philip Horner

Agenda:

Minutes of April 19 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Recycling – Joan reported she visited the Recycling Center again; and found it was neater, then on previous visits. However, improvements are needed, such as providing a large dumpster for plastics, metals, glass (there are only small ones now, overflowing); restoring the signage that tells people what and how to recycle there; providing more capacity for yard waste. She suggested that other members of the committee go there to observe for themselves.

As of June 1, plastic with designation numbers from 1 to 7 will be accepted by the Village. Michaela said a post card announcing the change should be sent to the public. Cathy will have a display of acceptable items at the Harbor Fair on June 1.

There is only one more Household Material Recovery Day scheduled, then they will be suspended and residents will have to take their hazardous materials, etc. to a facility in Valhalla..

Communication – Cathy told Rich Slingerland, Village Manager, and Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager, that the intern who was asked to do the website design is not working out. The Committee needs names of web designers.

Transportation – Nothing to report.

Community Outreach –Kate met with Jonathan Cunitz of Westport Town to discuss the ban on plastic bags. She said Rye might be the first municipality to ban plastic bags, but Mamaroneck might not be ready for it. Should we decide to pursue it, we can use Rye's example. George Latimer said that it would be more effective if a group of municipalities got together to ban them otherwise businesses might be affected. Kate said it is a major effort to initiate.

Old Business:

Anti-Idling Law –VOM will split the cost of printing a no-idling pamphlet to be distributed to schools, PD, and as a hand-out at the Harbor Fair.

Plastic Bags -. Michaela will ask the Rye Neck Schools to take part in a BYOB contest, where posters will be displayed in stores (with a storefront), e. g. grocery stores, CVSs', etc.

Green Week Update- The event was very successful with over 100 people in attendance. There was a complaint that some of the trash put out to be picked up was not picked up the next day and was scattered about.

Local Water Revitalization Program - Next presentation is June 11, location not known at this time. Toni reported that there was no discussion of additional members to the LWRP Committee, as there is an issue as to

whether the mayor selects the committee members or the BOT does. There will be other meetings besides the June 11th meeting.

EPA Water Quality Letter –Dolph Rotfeld, PE has been hired by affected Sound Shore communities to assess trouble spots, e.g. illegal sewer hookups and advise the Village. The Village will submit a remediation letter by deadline of May 31.

Energy Audit – Cathy reviewed the report she wrote and said it will be revised somewhat. It is to be a handout at the June 5 Harbor Fair. Jean will ask ICLEI if they would accept it as a second (of five) steps.

New Business

Harbor Island Street Fair – Cathy is the chair for the Fair on June 5. . We will have several information flyers as handouts to the public. Michaela suggested a signup sheet for ideas and contact information of interested people. A laptop would also be helpful.

Some examples of flyers are:

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| Idling Brochure | Water Savings Tips |
| Electric Meter for viewing | Recycling Post Card, |
| Green Tips | Leaf Blower Law Information |

Also the flyers should note our new website.

The deadline for the flyers is May 25.

Give-Stuff-Away-Day – Joan suggested this idea to leave “stuff” at the curbside. This will be discussed further.

Fire Department Energy Needs – To be discussed further.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next Meeting June 21, 2011