

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2012 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE COURTROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

PRESENT: Michaela Zeuss, Sarah Evans, Monica Barach, Joan Heilman, Phil Horner, Jean Peron, Ann Breen, Shonna Keogan, Cathy Hiller

ABSENT: Marc Karell, Toni Ryan, Liaison to BOT

The minutes of March 20, 2012 were approved

Subcommittee Reports:

Recycling Committee: Joan said the Recycling Center is looking neat and clean and all signs are up. Michaela said plastic utensils are recyclable. She will ask about plastic number designation for spoons. Solo Cups Company makes recyclable utensils. Cups are #5 and can be recycled. Plates should be cleaned off and then recycled. Juice and milk cartons cannot yet be recycled. Phil reported that yard waste is sometimes mixed with regular trash. He will call Village Manager.

Transportation: Nothing to report.

ICLEI Energy Audit: Jean reported that Richard Slingerland, Village Manager and Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager, are looking into a company named "EnergyDude" which measures greenhouse gas emissions in real time as well as cost savings. Jean will call RS/DS in a few weeks to determine the result of their findings. Step 3 of the Energy Audit requires specific measurements of greenhouse gases and fuel savings.

Community Outreach: Michaela said many communities are coming together in support of the no-idling law.

Water: Phil has planned a meeting with Nancy Seligson, Town Administrator, and the CTFE water subcommittee for March 26. He wants discussion to include our subcommittee's relation with other water-related groups, and whether we should consider joining them as a subcommittee. He noted that Clean Up Day (April 21) is water-related.

LWRP: After a long hiatus, the LWRP committee will meet on March 26. He said Dan Natchez, of Dan Natchez and Associates (local waterfront designer) is compiling very detailed and technical information from water-related groups with very extensive comments. Dan Natchez re-wrote the LWRP policy in detail.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Green Screen: The Committee expressed a hearty thank you to Cathy Hiller for her diligent efforts in coordinating the Green Screen Film Festival.

Plastic Bags Public Hearing: April 23. The A&P wants to meet with the VOM to discuss the pending law. Several speakers will be lined up to defend passage of the law. They include the Chamber of Commerce, John Kunitz from Westport (who helped to implement passage of the plastic bag law in Westport), Monica, Sara Goddard (Rye), CCE speaker and several children.

VOM CleanWater Committee: It was noted by the members of the Clean Up Subcommittee that many of the parks and waterways are already in good condition, with only light litter in some cases. Due to the very

mild weather, DPW was able to focus on park cleanup, and the lack of rain meant no flooding to wash debris into the waterways. Phillips Park Road and Ward Avenue do, however, need special attention, along with the both basins at Harbor Island. The subcommittee will meet with RS and DS to finalize details. Phil noted that this year's drought makes cleanup easier.

Recycling in Village Hall: Jean visited with Susan Reilly, Director of Mamaroneck Free Library, to discuss a second recycling center located at the library for printer cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, like the one that exists at the Regatta. She will get back to Jean after she discusses it with the library board at their next meeting (April 17).

New Business:

Harbor Fest – Jean will look into whether a Harbor Fest will be held this year.

Save the Sound: Joining STS will be one of the topics of discussion when we meet with them in the upcoming week. There are proposals to have a tri-municipal of STS, and if it were permissible to have municipalities as members, we would certainly want to be part of it.

Items not on the agenda:

Tree Committee: Although the CTFE supports good practices for care and protection of our trees, the Committee is in favor of deferring to the Tree Committee for this purpose. Michaela will email the Tree Committee with our opinion.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next Meeting May 15, 2012