

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF MARCH 20, 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, Marc Karell, Jean Peron, Toni Ryan, Liaison to BOT

ABSENT: Shonna Koegan, Cathy Hiller, Ann Breen Metcalfe,

The minutes of February 28, 2012 were approved

Subcommittee Reports:

Recycling Committee: Joan said that there are no changes at the Recycling Center. Toni will look into this matter with Richard Slingerland, Village Manager, and Tony Iacovelli, DPW Superintendent

Communications: Nothing to report.

Energy Audit: Jean said ICLEI gave us specific instructions to achieve Step 3 of the ICLEI Action Plan as follows:

- More detail about each measure, for example, the number of vehicles being replaced with hybrids, or the energy uses in a building being converted to natural gas, and what the previous energy source was.
- An estimate of the energy/fuel savings and GHG reductions for each measure. This should be pretty straightforward to calculate for most of the measures proposed.
- Information about the implementation timeline for each measure, the department or person leading implementation, and if funding is needed where that might come from.
- Comparison of total reductions from proposed measures to the reduction needed to reach your goal. Ideally, proposed reduction should be equal to or greater than needed reduction. If not, consider if there are more measures you can add..

Recycling (School Recycling): Joan said more data are needed for us to know in which direction we should go.

Transportation: There will be a meeting in Rye on bike safety groups and for the pedestrian/bike route that the county is planning for Rye. It will extend 2.65 miles from metro north station to Playland. Info about the pathway will be posted to the county website. Or you could contact Rye planning dept or the mayor or town council for more info. (This information was provided by Diane Neff—member of Larchmont Committee for the Environment.

Community Outreach: Michaela, Marlene Kohlbert, VOL trustee, Nancy Seligson TOM Supervisor and Sara Goddard (Rye Sustainability Committee) will meet regarding No-Idling Day. Nancy Seligson will have a logo designed with the slogan, “Share the Air.” There will be a VOM email blast to the participating schools, Rye, Rye Country Day, Mamaroneck Ave School, Rye Neck. Leaflets/brochures will be handed out on that day and at the VOM Clean Up day, April 21, to all the cleanup participants. Signs will be placed where they can be seen by the most people, i.e., the island near the Post Office and Harbor Island.

Old Business:

Green Screen: The Tri-Municipal film festival was well attended from all three municipalities. It was very successful. The Committee thanks Cathy for all her hard work. There will be a wrap-up meeting with Larchmont on April 2, 2012. The glasses purchased by the CTFE will be cleaned and locked in the Mamaroneck Library. Sarah said it was gratifying to see all three municipalities working together.

Ban on Plastic Bags: The law provided by Monica to the BOT needs to be amended to include SEQR compliance. It will be presented to the public on Monday, April 23 for comments by the public and vote by the BOT. Richard Slingerland and Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager, will present an environmental form for approval. Rye’s law can be used to read the reason for the bag ban. Toni said the Styrofoam should be our next target.

VOM Cleanup: Sarah and Phil are lining up groups for the April 21 cleanup of parks, rivers and streams. A “Save the Date” email blast will be sent out to various community groups.

Water Committee: Nancy Seligson should be asked to meet with the water subcommittee to get her opinion in what action we should be taking. Clean Up Day should be promoted. Toni will contact Nancy for our Committee.

SAVIN Engineers Report (2007): This is a report of the Rushmore and Frank Avenues Sewer System Investigations. It reports on the flooding in these two areas during periods of heavy rain due to illegal hookups of sanitary sewers to storm sewers. Phil said that all illegal hookups have been identified but at 50% have not been repaired. He will pass out

the report's introduction to all CTFE members. Toni said that all home sales must address the illegal hookup question.

Sarah said there is a Riverkeeper (Hudson River) lawsuit in the courts regarding runoff of fertilizers, pesticides, etc. She said the Riverkeeper Website is a good source of new green ideas. Private residents need to be educated.

LWRP: Phil reported that there hasn't been any movement on this subject since November, 2011. Toni said she asked for policies from the LWRP Committee but has not received them to date.

New Business:

Additional Printer Cartridge and Small Electronics Recycling Area: Michaela suggested that a recycling site similar to the existing one at Village Hall be put in the new library. Jean will talk to Susan Reilly, Library Director.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next Meeting April 17, 2012