MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF JULY 16, 2013, AT 7:30 P.M. ATHE THE VILLAGE COURT ROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

PRESENT: Sarah Evans, Joan Heilman, Laura Holbrook, Phil Horner, Shonna Koegan, Cathy Hiller, Marc Karell, Jean Peron **ABSENT**: Monica Barach, Katy Mcmanus, Illissa Miller, BOT Liaison

Welcome to visitor: Sarah welcomed Jillian Ammerman as an observer.

Minutes of June, 2013 meeting were approved.

Recycling: Joan reported that the VOM recycling center at Fayette Avenue needs to be cleaned up, as dumpsters are overflowing. She will discuss with Rich Slingerland, Village Manager.

ICLEI (CO₂ emissions study): Marc said there is difficulty in comparing the 2005 data to the 2011 data, as there are gaps in the 2005 report. However, he said data from 2009 may be used as a base year instead. Jean will look into where the gaps may occur. The comparison is necessary in order to determine the change in the percentage of emissions so that creating/implementing action plans can take place. He said that with the recent efforts of the Village, e.g. installation of LEDs, changeover from heating oil (except Regatta) to natural gas, purchase of hybrid car, the emissions are very likely lower but a definite amount is needed.

Community Outreach: The Committee should widen the list of the Mayor's Village email blast to inform more citizens of make people aware of newest sustainability efforts and the CFTE achieved so far and planned for the future. Cathy said she will manage a table at a "Mamaroneck Shares" evening. Laura said the Mayor's blasts should be timely e.g. no idling when school starts, no leaf blowing in summer months, etc.

Communications: Shonna reported difficulty in getting news media to publish CTFE information. She continues to look for a "hook" that will be of interest for publishing relevant articles. Jean and Shonna have made changes on the web page, e.g. adding news of availability of coffee grounds to public by Starbucks, changing calendar and eliminating outdated news.

Water Quality: Phil composed the following for insertion into these minutes:

"The CFTE discussed the recent flurry of beach and stream issues that have been the subject of a large volume of email comments to us and to Village officials. The CFTE supports Village efforts to improve water quality and asks for a high priority be given to solving pollution problems.

"Our Committee takes credit for helping the Village set up the Water Quality VOM webpage for reporting issues observed by citizens. Of course the community expects follow up on issues reported. It is unfortunate that some members of the community have used the reporting to launch some pretty nasty complaints. We feel that some organized feedback on follow up and solutions to issues reported would be helpful. We have some questions and suggestions about follow up that we intend to discuss with the Village Manager in the near future."

Old Business:

Zero Waste Policy: nothing to report.

Dog Park: Taylors Lane has been earmarked as a possible site for a dog run. However it is still in the process of being reclaimed from a toxic waste site and will be revisited in a year or so.

Goodbyes to Michaela/Party: Sarah spoke for Michaela Zeuss, former cochair, to extend her goodbyes and best wishes to our committee and those who were able to attend her luncheon. She will be missed.

Water Quality Team Report. – See above

LWRP: (Local Water Revitalization Plan) Mayor Rosenblum called a LWRP meeting concerning the jurisdictional authorities of the land use committees, i.e. Harbor & Coastal Zone Management Commission, Planning Board and Building Dept. Presently the HCZM has final authority, but there is a suggestion to change that to an advisory committee to the BOT.

Water Testing by Save the Sound: STS is periodically testing the waterways feeding into the LIS. Tests are being done for metals, salt and coliform. High levels of coliform may indicate a faulty sanitary sewer flowing into a storm sewer or directly into a waterway.

Attendance at public meetings/CFTE taking stands on issues such as **HCZM meeting:** Not discussed.

New Co-Chair: Cathy Hiller has consented to become the Committee's new co-chair, replacing Michaela Zeuss.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next Meeting: August meeting will be determined.