

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

**PRESENT:** Monica Barach, Sarah Evans, Joan Heilman, Laura Holbrook, Phil Horner, Katy Mcmanus, Jean Peron, Michaela Zeuss.

**ABSENT:** Cathy Hiller, Marc Karell, Shonna Koegan, Illissa Miller, BOT Liaison

Minutes of March, 2013 meeting were approved.

### **Reports from Subcommittees:**

**Recycling:** Joan said the listing of recycling tips of uncommon items is done. It will be publicized by Shonna and will be available at the Cleanup on April 27 as handouts. Organic Pickups: After the Cleanup, the Committee will have a meeting discuss organic pickup problems and a letter will be sent to the BOT.

**Water Quality (MS-4) – special MS-4 Meeting in May:** Phil said the Stormwater Report is due on June 1, and must include public comment. He believes that newer information should be added to the MS-4 report, such as the WQ Alert System, discovery of broken pipe locations, River and Stream Walkers, etc. These additions may have the effect of raising Mamaroneck's DEC rating. Although a public survey was also mentioned, it has not been done so far. Phil made a motion (passed) to hold a public meeting in May to discuss the above, as its importance warrants a separate meeting. Phil will notify Illissa so she may present it to the BOT.

Phil also asked to meet with DPW and Parks Depts regarding touring sites to point out examples of reportable offending situations. Laura suggested taking photos.

Phil also noted that Malcolm Pirnie (now Arcadis) is doing an additional testing of storm/sewer pipes to confirm the results of the previously done EPA tests of leaks.

**ICLEI Audit Report (Emissions):** Marc sent the following report to the Committee: “. . . We are very close to finalizing the 2011 VOM Carbon footprint. I met on April 2 with Rich and Dan to go over it in detail. One last piece of information is missing to complete the ‘current’ 2011 carbon footprint. Then the next step is getting a baseline year. They are investigating which year they have the most reliable data.” (Note Rich and Dan mentioned above are Richard Slinglerland, Village Manager, and Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager.)

**Community Outreach:** The LWV will hold a tag sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday April 21 across from the Larchmont train station. Proceeds to go to support the Hommocks Ice Rink renovation.

**Communications Press Release and TOM Public Hearing on Plastic Bag Ban:** Michaela addressed the TOM Board regarding the ban on plastic bags recently passed by the VOM. There was a significant amount of opposition and the TOM Board did not vote on the law.

**Old Business:**

**Deer Problem:** Rye is bringing in archers to reduce the deer population

**Drug Retake Program April 27:** Larchmont is participating but the Village Cleanup on April 27 is in conflict with the retake program.

**Geese Problem:** RS has informed the public that a new contract with the EPA has been agreed to in which there will be no euthanizing of geese in Mamaroneck.

**Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club:** The MB&Y club application was determined to be zoning compliant on April 5, 2013 and referred to the Planning Board. The 2010 Site Plan that had been approved by the Planning Board was originally found to be non-zoning compliant by the BOA. The amended plan filed this year is MB&YC's attempt to remedy the various deficiencies.

**Plastic Bag Law – email for April:** No action is required at this time. There will be a poster explaining the Plastic Bag Ban Law posted around town. In recognition of her generous donation to buy recyclable bags, Sarah gave Sunny Goldberg one of the new bags.

**New Business**

**CTFE Budget:** Our Committee has some monies – the exact amount is not yet determined - in its account that must be spent by end of the fiscal year (May 31). Some of this money may be used to purchase Clean Up Day signs – see below.

**Clean Up Specifics:** Volunteers so far: Phil, Laura, Katy, Monica, Joan, Jean. Phils said we need flyers and a poster to promote the new WQ Alert procedures. It should also be put on the webpage, Sarah will put an article in the newspapers regarding the Clean Up. The WQ subcommittee will meet next week to discuss in detail. Laura will look into having Clean Up signs made which will be posted strategically around town.

**Items not on the agenda:** None

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next Meeting: May 21, 2013