

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE COURT ROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE MAMARONECK, NY 10543

PRESENT: Sarah Evans, Michaela Zeuss, Joan Heilman, , Jean Peron, Cathy Hiller, Katy Mcmanus, Shonna Keogan, Ilissa Miller, Liaison to the BOT

ABSENT: Monica Barach, Marc Karell, , Phil Horner, Laura Holbrook

Minutes of February, 2013 were approved.
Sarah welcomed our guest, Stuart Tiekert

Ilissa mentioned three issues that the Committee should be apprised of:

▶ Small white plastic pellets were dispersed into the LIS and on the beach by Marval Industries, 315 Hoyt Ave. The DEC has issued a violation on March 16, 2013, and the company has complied with it.

▶ Jefferson Avenue Bridge – during construction, a sewage pipe was broken, allowing the sewage to flow into the Mamaroneck river. An order for a replacement pipe was made and a temporary fix was put in place. The Health Dept, EPA and DEC were notified. The situation is being investigated.

▶ Canada Geese- Ilissa said there are several way to approach this problem: dogs, egg addling, euthanizing, etc. The Committee members asked to see a copy of the contract of February, 2013, between the Village and Dr. Steven Garber, President, World Wide Ecology, so that they might be informed of the exact terms. The committee will then vote on the subject.

Water Quality: Michaela explained the function of the Water Quality Sub Committee (WQSC) to Mr. Tiekert. He said there are a few points he wanted to make to our Committee: the M4S (Storm Water) audit, street sweeping after leaves are collected to avoid leaves washing into the sewers, and dealing with the geese at HI. Sarah will talk to Dan Sarnoff (DS), Assistant Village Manager, about public awareness and the new alert system.

Community Outreach: Monica will speak at the Larchmont Public hearing on a ban on plastic bags for that community. Michaela will do the same at the TOM hearing. Shonna will ask Sara Goddard, Chair of Rye sustainability committee if she would be willing to be interviewed on WVOX – a local radio station.

Marine Education Center: Will have its grand opening ceremony on , this year's Clean Up Day, April 27th. Our Committee will have wall space for posters.

Clean-Up Day: Cathy suggested having a kayak group join the clean up, and it has been announced on a kayaking distribution list, KALM. The kayakers will gather at 9:30 by the Marine Center boat launch.

ICLEI – Marc has not yet met with Richard Slingerland (RS), Village Manager and DS.

Recycling: Joan said the Recycling Center on Fayette Avenue still needs work, as the bins are overflowing. Joan wrote a list of rather uncommon items that can be recycled and how to recycle them. The list will go on the website and in newspapers. Joan also showed the Committee a NYTimes article regarding the rapidly growing stockpiles of leaded glass from old TVs and computer monitors for which there is no longer a market. As a result much of this toxic waste is being warehoused or sent to landfills.

Deer Problem: This problem is similar to the geese problem and will be discussed at a future time.

Drug Retake Program: Will be discussed at next meeting.

Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club – Letters: The decision-making bodies involved are the Planning Board and Harbor Coastal Zone Committee. Their email addresses will be sent to the CFTE members for those who want to write to these boards. As mentioned at previous meetings, our Committee is not taking a stand on this matter.

New Business: Michaela proposed to put links on the schools' website and Village's website and link them.

Items not on the agenda: None.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron

Next meeting April 16, 2013