

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, AT 7:30 P.M. AT 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, Monica Barach,
Katy Mcmanus, Jillian Ammerman

ABSENT: Ilissa Miller, BOT Liaison

Welcome to visitor: Sarah welcomed Stuart Tiekert.
Another visitor, Doreen Roney, came later while the meeting was in
progress.

Minutes of July, 2013 meeting were approved.

Sarah began the 2013-14 year by offering light refreshments to the
committee and our visitor.

Water Quality: Cathy said that the LIS and its waterways are of critical
importance to the environment and the VOM. Therefore, she proposed that
the Committee resolve to make water quality our number one priority this
year. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

Water quality testing: There are four organizations testing the waters
of Mamaroneck: Dan Natchez, President of Daniel S. Natchez and
Associates, an independent testing organization; ARCADIS Inc. and
Save The Sound (STS), both working under the auspices of the VOM;
and lastly the DOH, which does county-wide testing for Sound
communities. The Natchez results have already been made public,
ARCADIS identified leaking sewer pipes, STS results are due in mid-
September – the STS testing was done in conjunction with the Marine
Environmental Center.

Mr. Tiekert spoke of the need of better water quality management by
the VOM. He said the environmental laws governing good
environmental practices are already in place and should be adhered to.
He said there should be a budget line for yearly maintenance of storm
and sewer lines. He also said that runoff at construction sites should

be tightly controlled. Catch basins should be cleaned on a more frequent schedule, and street-cleanings should be continued until after leaves have fallen so the debris which remains after street sweeping does not go into the storm sewers.

There is a 2007 inter-municipal agreement (SAVIN Report) to fix sewer lines. Over 100 illegal sewer hookups were found, 64 illicit hookups still remain.

Doreen said that there are many grants available for infrastructure repair. She also said that all test results should be sent to the EPA and DEC and any other appropriate organizations.

Marc said we can advise the VOM to comply with the laws now in place.

Phil wants our website to inform the public by the posting of all pertinent environmental information pertaining to water quality, e.g. test results, letters and reports to/from consultants and government departments.

Recycling: Joan passed on Richard Slingerland's (Village Manager) request that the VOM increase its recycled material. Presently 45% of our waste is recycled. Multiple dwellings' compliance may be part of the problem. She asked for ideas to improve the percentage.

Beach Cleanup: Jillian reported that the Village's cleanup of Harbor Island Beach has been registered with the Littoral Society. The cleanup will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. She will contact Mamaroneck Avenue School and Girl Scouts. She will save the debris found for future projects.

Old Business:

No Idling Law: A large CTFE-owned "No-Idling" poster from a previous year will be housed this year at the Mamaroneck Avenue School.

Respectfully submitted:
Jean Peron

Next Meeting: To be determined