

**MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF NOV. 17, 2015, AT
8:00 P.M. AT VILLAGE COURTROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT
AVE., MAMARONECK, NY FINAL**

PRESENT: Marc Karell (Co-Chair), Joan Heilman, Phil Horner, Kristen Carpenter, Laura Holbrook, Colin Goldberg, Greg Cutler, VoM Assistant Planner, Dave Finch, Trustee.

Minutes of October 20, 2015 meeting approved.

We welcomed Colin to his first meeting as member of CFTE. Colin has chosen to serve on the Recycling and Quality of Life sub-committees. It was also discussed that Shonna Keogan will not seek another term to stay on CFTE. Therefore, we will need at least one new person on CFTE starting in January 2016. The attendees were asked to seek such a person from their professional colleagues and friends.

ECOLOGICAL GARDENING PROGRAM: PLANNING. Kristen and Joan will attend the second meeting with the Environmental Committee of the Village of Larchmont on Nov. 18 to continue planning for the event on ecological gardening scheduled for April 10, 2016. The all-day event will be co-sponsored by the CFTE, as well as the Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont. We have been asked to contribute \$1,200 to the event, one-third of the estimated total for speakers, expenses, etc. Marc will check with Rich Slingerland about this.

EPA VIOLATION. Rich Slingerland prepared and submitted the quarterly report for the period ending August 31, 2015 to the EPA only last week. We believe even this happened because of several emails and reminders from Phil. Marc checked the actual EPA Order. Such orders typically state that a report is due within 30 or 60 days of the end of a quarter; this one had no such deadline. The CFTE remarked that this is bad form and should not be repeated. In the quarter in question, all sewage lines from Rye Neck HS/MS were tested and none had high E. coli concentrations. Therefore, Rye Neck schools and other nearby Mamaroneck sources are not responsible for the “hot spots” measured in the Beaver Creek areas. The Towns of Rye and Harrison have been informed about this.

SAVE THE SOUND, ARCADIS, VILLAGE MEETING. These three met on October 22. Save The Sound requested that the Village institute a program to require testing of laterals to determine if or how extensive this problem is. Nothing has happened since the meeting.

MS4 REPORT PREPARATION. Muncipity software is being rolled in. This will enable the more efficient collection of data required by the State for its annual MS4 report, so there should be no repeat of waiting for the last minute and sending in a report which may have had erroneous or incomplete information.

EROSION CONTROL AT CONSTRUCTION SITES. Greg stated that now 4 Village employees are trained to inspect sites for erosion control and detect and issue

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warnings and violations. Those trained have been told they must record details of all inspections, including “drive by” inspections of construction sites that meet code. The Municipality software will assist the inspectors to perform more thorough inspections and retain better information.

NYSDEC NOV RE: DISCHARGE FROM SPORTIME: The Village received three bids for automated pumps, as the short-term remediation to the discharge of material from the tennis courts. The costs were much higher than anticipated. Therefore, the Village is trying to renegotiate with the vendors to purchase acceptable pumps at an affordable price. Greg said that the Village is behind the schedule of the NOV to address the issue, and that they have made the NYSDEC aware of the situation.

COMMUNICATION. It is understood that this is a key function of CFTE – getting the public to understand and cooperate with ideas to improve the local environment. Shonna is leaving the CFTE. While the CFTE webpage and Facebook page are being maintained, it was thought that this was static and that we needed a vehicle for more aggressive transmittal of information. It was thought that a periodic newsletter can be sent to a database of Village residents, through Mail Chimp, for example, which is free.

COMMUNITY GARDEN. Colin is the sole user so far. The garden is working satisfactorily, he says, including a composter and 2 rain water barrels. The Village reached out to Gale Vidales of the Hispanic Resource Center to inquire the interest of those who reserved plots but did not use them. She stated that the program began in 2015 too late in the planting season, plus most have children in the system who needed attention as school began in September. She will remind each person to take advantage of this come next spring. There appears now to be a waiting list for plots. Therefore, if people who have reserved them do not use them, they will be provided to others.

STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE. Greg indicated that Lumen, the contractor which will purchase and install the LED streetlights to replace those existing, will probably begin installation in the late winter or early spring of 2016.

TRIAL LEAF BAGGING. The trial leaf bagging program in Washingtonville has begun. Most residents are bagging their leaves, although not all.

RECYCLING. The fabric recycling bin has been installed in the parking lot of the Toy Box on Boston Post Road. The Committee will launch the new program after Thanksgiving. Publicity will include a large sign at the entrance to the parking lot, a mention in the Village’s Recycling brochure, press releases, e-blasts, and more. Street signs cannot be produced at this time. A tour of the DPW Recycling Center for the CFTE to determine how we can make it more public-friendly has not been scheduled yet.

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MARINE EDUCATION CENTER. An advisory board has been formed to oversee the future of the Marine Education Center at Harbor Island Park. Phil and Martin of CFTE are among the Advisory Board. The initial meeting of the Advisory Board is November 30. Phil and Martin have conflicts and cannot attend that evening, but will be involved in future activities. Sara Evans, a former member of CFTE, is on this Advisory Board and can attend.

WILD FLOWER GARDENS. The area of land near the entrance to I-95 on Mamaroneck Avenue will be available again in the near future (NYS DOT construction will shortly conclude). The Village Administration is considering developing the area as a wild flower garden, with planting of native plants in that spot. Such a garden would need little maintenance and likely need to be mowed only one time per year. Greg wondered what other areas in Mamaroneck would benefit from a wild flower garden. Florence Park was brought up as a potential candidate.

NOISE CONTROL. The issue of noise control was brought up as a quality of life issue. Marc mentioned that the Town of Mamaroneck is currently reviewing a draft law that would – during the period when leaf blowers are allowed to be used – limit the noise rating of any unit. Standard leaf blowers have a decibel level of 75-80. However, a number of manufacturers sell units with a decibel level of 65 or slightly lower, as measured by standard protocol at 50 feet. The Town's draft law gives users a few years to purchase new leaf blowers, but they must meet 65 decibels or less, to be enforced with a sticker that manufacturers put on such equipment. Marc will provide Dave and the CFTE more information about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.