

CFTE, 1/20/16

ATTENDING: Sarah Richards, Martin Hain, Monica Barach, Marc Karell, Phil Horner, Dave Finch, David Styler, Kristen Carpenter, Maria Karsou

Vistor: Phyllis Kaskel

Minutes from Dec 2015 approved.

1. Clean & Green – Date, April 30<sup>th</sup> has been finalized and cleared with VOM. Tentative time is 10 – 12noon, although it may be shifted slightly earlier. Discussion of the scope of the event: historically groups gather and clean up. Last year added programs, nature walk, tour of sewage treatment plant plus tabling. Agreed that the theme for this year would be water quality. Within that theme a broad range of environmental issues could be addressed. Location will remain next to Marine Center and we welcome collaboration with the center. Additional tabling including an informative table publicizing CFTE initiatives plus other organizations will be invited.

Sarah has volunteered as lead for the event. Volunteer captains for clean teams include: Phil, Marc, Martin, Kristin, Maria and David. Monica will man CFTE table; Laura and Martin will organize signage and flyer. On the day of the event, Laura will be a floater. Members of the committee also volunteered to contact local businesses for gift certificates and/or refreshment donations.

There was some discussion about a future family oriented event that could incorporate some of the additional activities like the visit to the sewage plant, nature walk, etc. and serve as an environmental education event. Needs to be discussed further.

2. Grow It Green – tri-municipal event including Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont. Each municipality has been asked to donate \$1000 towards the event. It was moved and unanimously agreed that an official request be made to the VOM by the CFTE to donate \$1000 towards the cost of the event. Martin has agreed to design outreach materials.
3. Outreach – newsletter – Phil requested there be more publicity for water team, informing Village. He felt there was a lack of visibility of water issues. This led to a conversation about the need for a communications manager for the VOM. Dave F reports that need for communications manager is recognized by more than one committee and felt it was possible to encourage Village to bring on a communications manager that can help effectively communicate with Village population. Martin & Phil will draft a motion to support a communication manager.
4. Recycling: Report of tour of recycling center. Not user friendly nor is it efficient. Recycling center in TOM has become a social event. Maxwell Ave facility. Maybe

shut down Village facility and use Town facility? Pay a fee, town fee. Free up space and workers in VOM. Some CFTE members planned to set up an informal visit to see. Requested a fabric recycling report of what has been received, savings on dumping fees. To be researched next, an option for carpet recycling.

5. Sewer lateral program. The VOM has entered into DEC order, inflow, different from illegal discharges. The VOM board is working on a law and program to address leaking lateral pipes. Researching cost effective and efficient plan that city and home owners can participate in. The worst area in VOM is Orienta. It has a high water table, level land, and tidal issues with salinity creep, the neighborhood has most recorded sanitary overflows. Have tried a pilot program to grout lateral connection, only 10% successful. Low success rate is because when pipes were relined in past, they were not smoothly lined so there is now too much remaining accumulated build up. Now there are areas where machine can't get through to grout.

One law that is being discussed would require homeowners to have an upgraded certification for laterals when title transferred or on a 10 year basis. If something is found, it must be fixed. Fines could be levied, etc. So leakage would be addressed. TOM recently enacted a local law to put charge for sewer system on water, pro rata. There is some complications when sprinkler systems are used because not all water goes into sewer system. Must be resolved to make it fair. If this was done, it would remove sewer charge from tax bill.

If homeowners are required to repair laterals, it could be an opportunity to create a vendor list, joint purchase for reasonable cost. Legislation meets requirement with DEC and county, with overlay that makes less expensive with homeowners. Complication of ability to do work on private property.

6. Municipality (computer program for building inspections) roll out. Has been GIS collecting erosion control
7. Status of LED street lights. Rich Slingerland stated that Bright Energy has asked for information about the lighting output of the proposed street lights (in foot candles), a request from Lumen for that information. He believes that the adequacy review may be getting too involved. Observed it has been improved, more true colors channel light.
8. Leaf bagging in Washingtonville, excellent. Resolved issues of leaves in street, parking better, catch basins. Does CFTE want to encourage project to roll out, should it be done in for spring clean up? Want to push for mulching in tandem. Scarsdale has saved money.
9. Water – looking for more response from VOM regarding. Request Greg to report to water committee re M-S4, communication breakdown to let Save the Sound – Long

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Beach program was insurance based, VOM does not like that option, felt would slow things down. EPA issue, (citation) haven't seen Nov 30<sup>th</sup> .

10. Status of TOD - adopted last Nov 2014. One project under program submitted for the 3 Jalapeno site. Reports by Paul Ruben to analyze impact on aquifer. It is thought that development was unlikely to have any effect on aquifer. As currently planned the building would be 2 feet above FEMA regulated elevation and that would be the lobby, which is not considered habitable space. There is some concern that even that elevation may not be high enough. The developer has reduced imperviousness footage and have met green infrastructure requirement.

In February, Dave F. reported that the preliminary report by Army core of engineers would be released. It is expected that the hydrological report would suggest the Ward Ave bridge be removed. There are also concerns about the Halstead bridge,

11. Deer issue: committee meeting again, but reporting that deer are less visible.
12. Marine Education center advisory board is active. CFTE might want to consider as another option for community communications.
13. CFTE Calendar. Martin and Laura have organized a calendar for CFTE. After reviewing for accuracy, we will make available to rest of CFTE.