

Committee for the Environment Minutes September 20, 2016

Members Present: Kristen Carpenter, Colin Goldberg, Martin Hain, Phil Horner, Sarah Richards, David Styler

Trustee David Finch, Village Manager Richard Slingerland, Assistant Village Planner Greg Cutler

Also in attendance: Sarah Robbins Evans; Tony Gelber, FMAC; Peter Linderoth, Save the Sound; Clark Neuringer, R.A., HCZMC; June Ottinger; Trustee Leon Potok; Allsion Stabile; Victor Tafur

I. Peter Linderoth presented on the latest results of water sampling of area rivers, Mamaroneck Harbor, and Long Island Sound, and displayed most recent data collection on the Save the Sound website. Among his and others' significant findings and suggestions were the following:

- a. More positive results for Mamaroneck River and Harbor, though the river sites still yield high levels of bacteria compared to the tidal areas.
- b. Concern persists about illegal sewer hookups connected to storm drains; remaining septic systems leaking into area waterways; and persistent hot spots along Beaver Swamp Brook.
- c. Postive advances have been made in increased data collection and distribution; however, problems persist in documenting points of inflow and leakage, etc.

II. It was noted that a draft of the yearly MS-4 report is now on the Village website covering the March to March reporting period.

III. Mr. Slingerland reported on the continuation of the bagged leaf pick-up program in Washingtonville. The Committee suggested that curbside pickup can be expanded, and perhaps installed Village-wide for 2018. In the meantime, voluntary use of leaf-bagging is encouraged for 2017.

IV. No progress has been made yet in hiring a consultant to help determine the future of the Taylor Lane site. The CFTE reaffirmed its position on creating passive recreation facilities, wildflower gardens, a dog run.

V. The Committee discussed how well the Village Leaf Blower law was enforced this year. The CFTE will take this up in more detail next meeting.