

# **Minutes of the Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment Meeting on Tuesday February 27, 2018**

**Held in:**

Village Courtroom  
169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue  
Mamaroneck  
NY 10543

**Started at:** 7:35pm

**Ended at:** 9:25pm

**Present:** Ellen Silver (Chair), Colin Goldberg, Marc Karell, Katherine Desmond, Maria Karsou, Trustee Victor Tafur, Greg Cutler (Village Planner), Village Engineer Hernane De Almeida, Jeff De Toro, David Freeman

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – January 21, 2018:

These were approved without discussion.

**Discussion:**

**Membership:**

Kristin Carpenter has indicated that she cannot continue, and has resigned.

**Recyclable Material in Regatta Office:**

Katherine will contact Jean Peron to find out where items should be sent.

**Clean & Green Day** – scheduled for April 21st, at 9:30am (Rain date April 28th)

It was decided that we will not provide food and beverages, except bottles of water.

Arrangements need to be made for the schooner ('Sound Waters') to dock nearby the marine center.

It was suggested that there should be tables set up for the Food Waste Program, Textile Recycling company (County), and possibly others.

Some discussion centered around student projects, that could possibly be showcased

Publicity could be arranged via Gabriel Rom ([grom@lohud.com](mailto:grom@lohud.com)).

The mayor's office can include a flyer in its email blast.

**Clothing/Textile Recycling:**

A presentation was made by Serge Lazarov, of Green Tree, regarding possible replacement of the existing contract.

Green Tree sorts material before sending it to three possible destinations:

- Charity (5%)
- Recycling (50% of the rest)
- Resale – Secondary Markets (50% of the rest)

Green Tree meets insurance requirements.

Have distributed 30 bins, and are present in 8 farmers markets.

After a discussion, a vote was taken and it was decided to stay with the existing contract.

**Food Waste Recycling Program:**

A proposal has been submitted to the BOT, and the program is expected to start around April 3, 2018. VoM has joined with Tom and VoL to form a tri-municipal Food Waste Task Force. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

The film “Wasted” is scheduled to be shown at the Larchmont Public Library on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This film is available to the CFTE, and it was suggested that the Emelin Theater was a good venue when we show this film.

**Sustainability:**

David Freeman reported on work recently done in this area, including attendance at the Bedford 2020 meeting.

There are many todo items, and therefore there is a need to prioritize.

We should make a serious attempt not to reinvent the wheel (c/f Bedford 2020)

Three main goals were identified:

- Food Waste Recycling
- Update the VoM Carbon Footprint document – last updated in 2014.
  - This includes items such as electricity, gas usage – controlled by VoM
- Help update the VoM Comprehensive Plan
  - Three documents identified:
    - 2012 VoM Comprehensive Plan
    - Memo “Comprehensive Plan 5 Year Evaluation”
    - Resolution (4/26/2010) adopting Climate Smart Community Pledge
- The BOT has asked for recommendations re this plan
  - Take into account:
    - The Fourth Regional Plan
    - What other municipalities have done (eg. Sustainability documents, Climate Action Plans)

**General:**

There will be a common meeting with ToM and VoL, on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, at the VFW.