

Minutes of the Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment Meeting on Tuesday May 16, 2017

Held in:

Village Courtroom
169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Mamaroneck
NY 10543

Started at: 7:40pm

Ended at: 9:43pm

Present: David Styler (Co-Chair), Martin Hain (Co-Chair), Colin Goldberg, Katherine Desmond, Phil Horner, Maria Karsou, Ellen Silver, Jeff Del Toro, Liaison Trustee Victor Tafur, Acting Village Manager Dan Sarnoff

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – April 18, 2017:

These were approved unanimously, with minor corrections.

Discussion:

General:

- Village Engineer Hernane De Almeida could not make the meeting in contrast to posted agenda
- Jody Stern has resigned from the CFTE
- Board will be voting on new member for CFTE at the next Board meeting
- Lauren Gualdino is the new Deputy Clerk
- Grand Opening of the Marine Center is June 3rd, 2017

Clean & Green Day:

- Event had been rescheduled for May 13th, but was once again cancelled because of inclement weather. It was decided that we cancel the event for now and try to hold it again in the early Fall.
- Possible events we could co-opt in the future: the Coastal Cleanup in Sept and Earth Day in April.
- Phil Horner checked the parks and beaches for trash and determined that they are actually in pretty good shape.
- Signs for event have been taken down per Dan Sarnoff
- It was mentioned that we should have smaller, more frequent cleaning events; Ellen Silver and Colin Goldberg volunteered to help organize and schedule this effort.

“No Dumping – Drains to the Sound” Storm Drain Medallions:

- This idea was originally created and designed by Nancy Vincent and executed originally by the students from Hommocks.
- Diane Horner recommended we expand the coverage of the medallions on storm drains to Rye Neck. She would manage this effort if the CFTE could help with financial support.
- It was suggested that we could involve Rye Neck students in the deployment for community service credits.
- Cost \$150
- CFTE motion to support this effort was unanimously passed by its members.
- Check needs to be made to Save the Sound for \$150 with “Medallion Project” in the memo.
- David Styler will follow up with Dan Sarnoff to get check cut.

Recycling:

- New Textile Recycling Bin
 - Ellen Silver went to the recycling center and noticed the Textile Bin was overflowing with bags sitting around outside of the bin. May need to order a larger bin
 - May be overflowing because people are putting donated clothing in there as well.
 - Maria Karsou & Ellen Silver will follow-up with company engaged by VOM to take the textiles to find out exactly what happens to donations after they are picked up.
 - Joan Heilman said that the other company we used previously turned donations into usable items like rags and carpet padding.
- Larger Homeowner Recycling Bins
 - Short Term solution could be to encourage homeowners to purchase blue 30 gallon bins (readily available at Home Depot or Walmart) and VOM would provide stickers for them to label the bins for recycling.
 - It was discussed that we should plan for the eventual conversion to “robot arm” collection trucks and standardized bins in the future.
 - A new collection truck was recently purchased by VOM. The next purchase is scheduled for 2019.

MS-4:

- A general review was conducted with Dan Sarnoff and Victor Tafur.
- It was quickly determined that there needs to be more involvement of the CFTE in crafting the MS-4 and making sure its goals are met and measured properly.
- Much more detail is needed behind the numbers – it was suggested that an appendix be attached with that data.
- Need to craft a plan for current year that is based off of the Stormwater Management Program
- VOM has not been happy with MUNICIPALITY3, which it uses to input and track much of this information. According to Dan Sarnoff, it is very slow and difficult to use. VOM was supposed have been upgraded to the latest version (MUNICIPALITY5), which is cloud-based and much faster, but the vendor has yet to supply it as per the contract with VOM. Dan Sarnoff is following up on this.
- CFTE members will review the MS-4 independently and submit their suggestions and edits to Dan Styler and Martin Hain by Monday 5/22.
 - David Styler & Martin Hain will compile the submissions into a single document to review with Village Engineer Hernane De Almeida in a meeting to be scheduled by David Styler (tentatively set for Monday 5/22).