

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17TH, 2020 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Styler, Renée Crabtree, David Finch, Christi Young, David Freeman, Martin Hain, Maria Karsou, Timothy Whitney, Liam Robb O’Hagan

Also Present: Dan Natchez (Trustee), Amber Novak (Village Planning Office), Debbie Sullivan (Village resident)

Members Absent: Dan Kushnick

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:30 pm.

General Discussion:

The minutes of the Committee's October 20th, 2020 meeting were approved.

Ellen noted that Martin Hain’s term had come to an end and thanked him for his years of service to the Committee and the Village of Mamaroneck.

Danskammer Plant Resolution:

Following the presentation by the Sunrise Westchester Hub at our last meeting and a brief discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mamaroneck sign a resolution stating that the Village is against the development of this power plant.

[Follow-up: The Village Board of Trustees passed the resolution at its meeting on November 23rd, 2020.]

Healthy Yards Project:

Ellen noted that Katherine Desmond is the new sub-committee chair of the Town of Mamaroneck’s Healthy Yards Project. David Finch and Martin Hain both shared information on useful resources that support this initiative.

Community Gardens:

David Styler agreed to stay on as the liaison for the Villages’ Community Gardens. The Committee felt the Village’s website should contain information about these gardens and how to sign up for one of the spaces. In addition, the suggestion of new signage at the site of the gardens was discussed. Ellen agreed to look into obtaining permission to have this information added to the website and putting up new signage.

MTA Property in the Village of Mamaroneck:

The Committee had a general discussion about the various MTA properties that surround the train tracks and the train station with a view to beautifying them, especially in light of the recent denuding by the MTA of the area next to the tracks that runs between Hoyt and

Bishop Avenues. David Freeman offered to follow up with the Village Manager and the Board of Trustees to offer the Committee's assistance to encourage the MTA to either plant or allow the Village to plant appropriate ground cover in these areas.

Food Scrap Recycling Program:

Ellen asked the Committee to reach out to their local realtors to ask them to promote this program to new home owners and in their newsletters to continue to increase participation in this program. She noted that the table set up at the Recycling Center on Saturdays had been very successful in reaching residents interested in the program. Due to COVID-19, the Recycling Center is now closed on Saturdays. Ellen agreed to ask permission from the Village Manager to set up outside the Village's office at the Regatta on Mamaroneck Ave. Ellen also agreed to ask the Village Public Works Department if it would be possible to track the tonnage of regular garbage collected by the Village in addition to tracking the tonnage of composting collected.

[Follow-up: The Village Manager agreed to allow a table to be set up outside the Regatta office to sell Composting Kits Saturday November 21st. Tony Iacovelli has agreed to track the tonnage of garbage collected by the Village.]

Wireless Communication Code:

Ellen noted that the Village's wireless communication code needs updating. As no one on the Committee felt they had the expertise needed to draft an update of this code for the Village to consider, Ellen agreed to email the Village Manager and the Board of Trustees to suggest that the code be updated.

Taylor's Lane Status:

Dan Natchez noted that the Village is still waiting to receive the final documentation from the DEC delisting the site. Ellen noted that the Committee would like to have some input regarding the site's use once the documentation has been received. Dan recommended the Committee draw up a list of options we would like the Board of Trustees to focus on when making this decision.

Ellen noted that she would like the Committee to have a list of stated goals for 2021, which can be discussed at the next meeting to be held on December 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree