

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Freeman, David Styler, Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Debbie Sullivan, Maria Karsou, Tim Whitney, Christi Young

Members absent: Mandy Lorlenza Sticos

Also Present: Dan Natchez (Trustee), Mackenzie Manguillo (MHS senior), Sasha Nahr, Larchmont Environmental Committee

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:00 pm.

**General Discussion:**

The minutes of the Committee's February 16th, 2021 meeting were approved.

Ellen noted that the Committee does not have its own logo. Liam offered to design a few options to bring to the Committee to choose from.

**Clean Energy Sub-Committee:**

Tim Whitney gave an update on the work the sub-committee has undertaken to move the Village towards earning the Clean Energy Community designation. The next step is to work with Dan Sarnoff of the Village to submit the required documentation to earn points for steps the Village has already completed and prioritize actions to earn more points towards earning the designation.

The Committee also discussed the GridRewards and Community Solar initiatives that Sustainable Westchester is running. We are working with the Town of Mamaroneck and the Village of Larchmont as a joint campaign. Ellen asked that Committee members sign up for these initiatives before we post them to the Village website for the broader community to sign up and report back on any issues experienced.

**Mosquito Control Program:**

Ellen noted that we normally are made aware of the Village's mosquito control program around this time of year. Dan Natchez agreed to follow up with Jerry Barberio to find out timing and locations for this year's program.

**Clean and Green Event:**

Logistics of the event to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> were discussed. It was agreed there would be a general event held at Harbor Island starting at 9:30 am to allow volunteers to gather to hear an address from the Village Mayor, Thomas Murphy, pick up supplies (gloves and bags) and peruse giveaways. Volunteers will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing. Ellen agreed to send the list of locations of clean-up zones to the Committee. Sign-up by volunteers will be online.

**Food Waste Recycling Program:**

Ellen noted that the volume of waste being gathered by this program seems to be stagnating. The Committee discussed ways to continue promoting this program including:

- Selling composting kits outside the Mamaroneck Library

- Selling composting kits at the Recycling Center on Saturday mornings when it reopens on Saturdays

**Healthy Yards:**

There are two upcoming events in the Village which will promote pollinator pathways:

- April 17<sup>th</sup> with Rye Sustainability
- April 25<sup>th</sup> with a local Girl Scout troop

Both of these planting projects are being held on the Halstead Ave. side of the train tracks at the Mamaroneck Metro North train station.

The Committee also discussed leaf blower issues. The possibility of distributing leaf blower door hangers which provide details about current by-laws restricting use and education on the benefits of leaving leaves in place and mulching them was discussed. David Styler offered to draft a proposal to the Board of Trustees to help improve compliance with and also work with Jerry Barberio to increase enforcement of our current by-laws.

**Taylor's Lane:**

A motion was passed to send a letter to the Board of Trustees as drafted by David Freeman noting that the Committee would like to have input into the determination of the use of this site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renée Crabtree