

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Freeman, David Styler, Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Maria Karsou, , Christi Young, Mandy Lorlenza Sticos,

Members absent: Debbie Sullivan, Tim Whitney

Also Present: Thomas Murphy (Mayor), Mackenzie Manguillo (MHS senior), Lindsay Reitzes (Village resident)

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:08 pm.

General Discussion:

Ellen welcomed Tom Murphy as the Committee's new liaison.

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

CFTE Logo Contest

Ellen noted that a flyer announcing the contest is currently being finalized and will soon be distributed to the community and high schools. An anonymous donation of \$250 has been received which enables us to offer a prize to the winner as added incentive to participate in the contest.

Mosquito Control Program:

Tom Murphy provided the Committee with an update on the program and noted that the aim of the Village is to use minimal pesticides.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities Sub-Committee:

Ellen noted that the Village obtained more than the threshold amount of ten signups for the Grid Rewards demand response program. Once documents are submitted to NYSERDA, the Village will be eligible to secure a \$5,000 grant from the State. The sub-committee is continuing to work with Dan Sarnoff to move the Village towards certification.

A motion was passed to draft a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting a task force be established who's goal will be to obtain Climate Smart and Clean Energy Community certifications. It was noted that the task force will largely be made up of this sub-committee plus hopefully other community members with the relevant background to move this initiative forward.

Clean and Green Event:

Ellen noted that we have over 150 people signed up for this event. There will be 12 clean-up zones. General logistics of the event were discussed.

Village resident, Lindsay Reitzes, has a team of volunteers for the Taylor's Lane area and asked that it be added as a zone for which she will act as team captain. The Committee agreed and thanked Lindsay for her help.

Food Waste Recycling Program:

Ellen noted that she is working with Trish Byrne of the Mamaroneck Library to host an event on composting with two women who hosted a similar event at the Larchmont Library. Ellen noted that we will be selling the composting kits in front of the Library. Dates to be finalized. The possibility of establishing a cooking oil recycling program was discussed.

Healthy Yards:

The question of what to do about the MTA property in the Hoyt and Bishop Avenues area was discussed. Tom Murphy agreed to reach out to the MTA again to request they replant this area or allow the Village to have a role in the replanting.

David Styler and Ellen Silver met with the Police Chief and Jerry Barberio to discuss our concerns about the lack of enforcement of the leaf blower ban. The group also discussed how best to educate residents about the leaf blower ban and the ill effects of leaf blowers. The Police Chief agreed to ask police staff to help with enforcement of the upcoming seasonal ban on the use of leaf blowers. Jerry Barberio is planning to run a robo-call campaign in English and Spanish to remind residents that the ban is in effect from May 15th – September 30th.

To help educate residents, the Committee will create door hangers similar to what the Village of Larchmont has done in the past. The leaf blower door hangers have been drawn up by Liam and will be circulated to the Committee once final.

Taylor's Lane:

Tom Murphy agreed that the Committee will be included in future discussions on land use for this site.

Community Gardens Update:

David Styler noted that all lots are now full for this season. The Parks Department has added new soil and compost to the gardens in preparation for residents' plantings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree