

Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment
AGENDA
March 15, 2022 @7 pm via Zoom

General Discussion/Announcements:

- Vote to approve minutes from February 2022 meeting
- LED bulb giveaway by LMHTF on 3/8

Healthy Yards

- Mamaroneck Library Author Event (early June) - Mandy
- Discuss/Plan Litter Awareness Campaign
- Discuss preparation for leaf blower ban which begins May 15th

Community Engagement:

- Central School Earth Day – April 22nd 3- 4 pm
- Clean and Green – May 7th – zones to include riverbeds; free compost giveaway; Marine Education Center collaboration

River Maintenance – Kate Dehais

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:

- Update from March 1st meeting
- Sustainable Westchester webinar - Building Decarbonization and Advancing Clean Energy Codes
- Parks Dept. Electric maintenance equipment
- AGZA Green Zone
- Village rooftop solar installation
- Village Fleet inventory

Food Scrap Recycling:

- 208 initial sign-ups; observations of Day 1 – Ellen/Liam

Public Comment:

- Public comments to be allowed at the end of each meeting. Each person limited to 10 minutes unless otherwise agreed to by the CFTE.

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Christi Young, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Mandy Forlenza Sticos

Also Present: Lou Young (Trustee, Village of Mamaroneck), Elizabeth Poyet (Larchmont Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways)

Members Absent: Tim Whitney, Debbie Sullivan, David Freeman, Katherine Dehais

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:05 pm.

General Discussion

The minutes of the Committee's January 18th, 2022 meeting were approved.

Ellen provided the Committee with an update on the Healthy Clubs organization and the various initiatives they are encouraging local clubs to participate in, including sustainable landscaping, food scrap composting, water bottle refilling stations, electric car charging stations and a move away from single-use plastics.

Healthy Yards

Elizabeth Poyet who heads the Larchmont Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathways chapter then spoke about the various initiatives that group has been involved in recently and will be undertaking in the near term. Elizabeth noted that her group would be happy to work with the Committee in an advisory role on local projects.

It was noted that the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) 2022 Biodiversity Conservation Grant: Enhancing Pollinator Habitats Letter of Intent was submitted today. Ellen thanked Christi and Katherine for their hard work on this project. The Village will be notified by March 17th whether it is a finalist and invited to submit a formal application for this grant.

Ellen noted that Tom Murphy has signed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. This pledge requires the Village to undertake three actionable items per year to raise awareness about Monarch butterflies.

[Elizabeth left the meeting.]

Community Outreach

May 7th was set as the date for this spring's Clean & Green event which will run from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year, the Committee would like to encourage local businesses to participate. It was suggested the Chamber of Commerce could assist with this outreach.

Ellen suggested the Litter Awareness campaign could use the Clean & Green event as a kick-off. Lou agreed to ask the Village to add garbage cans to areas where litter is collecting including area along the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers and in public parks.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities Task Force Update

Ellen noted the next meeting is set for March 1st and invited Lou to attend.

Food Scrap Recycling Program

Ellen noted we are the third municipality in Westchester County to offer curbside pick-up for food scraps to residents, behind Rye and Scarsdale.

Goals for 2022

Ellen provided a summary of the Committee's goals for 2022 which were adopted. Allison Stabile, a VoM resident and former CFTE chair has requested that our committee address the need to update the Village's telecom ordinance to cover health issues relating to the use of 5G technology. Ellen suggested forming a subcommittee for this large initiative with any interested CFTE members, as well as community members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree