

Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment
AGENDA
June 21, 2022 @7 pm Via ZOOM

General Discussion/Announcements:

- Vote to approve minutes from May 2022 meeting
- Tours of CompostEd (June 6th) and Wheelabrator incinerator (June 24th)
- CFTE needs 1-2 new members
- L/M Pollinator Pathway Garden Tour June 26th 1 – 5 pm

EV Charging Stations – follow-up from BOT meeting

Healthy Yards

- Jerry Barberio educational webinar with Tech Terra about organic parks maintenance
- Mayor Monarch Pledge – discuss planned actions
- Discuss whether the Village should enact native plant ordinance.
- Rockland pocket –effort to create a butterfly habitat; rezoning may be needed (see below)
- No Mow May - recap

Community Engagement:

- Mayor Monarch fall event – collaboration with Recreation, Dept., Parks Dept and Arts Council, and L/M Pollinator Pathway committee

River Maintenance/Restoration

- Collaboration with Flood Mitigation committee to augment ACE project
- Discuss need to rezone land parcels along the river banks

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:

- Update from Ellen Silver, CSC Coordinator re: path to Bronze status
- NY Stretch Code
- AGZA Green Zone
- Village proposed solar installation – DPW rooftop, Taylor’s Lane
- Village Fleet inventory – in process

Food Scrap Recycling:

- Pilot was successful and program will be ongoing; 278 households as of 6/2
- DEC Food Scrap grant
- New signage indicating pickup service needed.

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.

CFTE 5/17/22 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:06pm

In Attendance: Daniel Kushnick, David Freeman, Renee Crabtree, Ellen Silver, Chair
Lou Young, Trustee Liasion, Kate Dehais, Liam Robb O'hagan

Guest Speaker Sara Powell, New York Sea Grant/Long Island Sound Study

1. Ellen Silver is arranging for tours of:

The Wheelabrator Westchester Incinerator – date TBA
County Compost Education Center in Valhalla 6/6 10am
She also recommended the CFTE to watch a film called the Sacrifice Zone

Ellen also suggested everyone attend or listen to the live stream of the ACE meeting on May 18th.

2. Ellen brought up for consideration a “Take It Or Leave It Shed” similar to one that has been set up in Bedford. This would be a place for people to drop off unwanted items that others can come and browse and take if they want,

3. Sara Powell is a Westchester County Extension Professional with Sea Grant who’s mission is to promote coastal protection; studying the Long Island Sound’s sustainability.
The organization provides Education, Grants, and Project Guidance.

Questions asked pertained to the option of a Living Seawall and if resources could be used toward the Village’s Climate Smart Communities (CSC) initiatives.

Sara Powell confirmed they could.

4. On May 12, 2022 a meeting took place with Jerry Barbiero, Ellen Silver, Daniel Kushnick and Brandon Jacobs, of Blink, an electric vehicle (EV) charging station provider.

The Village, currently owns two chargers at the Hunter Lot parking deck.
We discussed the potential installation of up to ten new EV chargers placed in various locations around the Village and discussed the different options of Village ownership versus Leasing.

The CFTE voted to pass a resolution endorsing the Village to pursue EV stations with Blink. David Freeman will help draft this motion in favor of the Village Manager pursuing options for additional EV chargers.

5. The Village’s long-standing leaf blower ban is in effect from May 15th to October 15th.

There will be a tri-municipal meeting, May 24th at 11am regarding leaf blowers and how the Village of Mamaroneck, Village of Larchmont and Town of Mamaroneck may coordinate their leaf blower laws.

6. The beginning of a discussion began related to a motion for the Board of Trustees to consider requiring the Village to plant primarily Native plants on Village property. This conversation will continue.

7. No Mow May, the concept of not mowing lawns for the month of May to promote growth of pollinators and other natural healthy elements for lawns. This seems to be gaining traction in the Village of Mamaroneck, the country and in Great Britain.

8. Follow-up regarding "The Clean and Green" event.

We had a good turnout considering the original weekend dates were cancelled due to inclement weather.

The free compost created by the Food Scrap program went quickly. There is more available at the DPW yard.

There was a discussion regarding the Village's and County's authority to fine or enforce litter laws and stop people and businesses from polluting and throwing garbage in the river along Fayette Avenue and Mamaroneck Avenue.

A request was made for the Village DPW to clean up the Village owned property along Fayette Avenue in the Rockland Pocket.

9. Food Scrap Recycling:

Ellen Silver, Jerry Barbiero and the DPW are planning to meet, no date announced, to assess the success of the current Village DPW efforts to pick up Food Scrap recycling.

Currently, there are 246 homes registered for the program and the CFTE and the Village Manager have created a goal to have 300 families sign up by June 1, 2022.

Ellen asked members to reach out to neighbors to increase awareness and increase subscription to reach or surpass the June 1st goal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm