

**Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment**  
**AGENDA**  
**July 19, 2022 @7 pm Via ZOOM**

**General Discussion/Announcements:**

- Vote to approve minutes from June 2022 meeting
- ACE Project “Tweak” (Grassy Channel) - Tony Gelber Guest speaker
- Comprehensive Plan – Neil Desai Guest Speaker
- Repair Café – Fall event
- New CFTE members; junior member

**EV Charging Stations** – follow-up from BOT meeting

**Healthy Yards**

- Monarch Butterfly Mural – progress update
- Native plantings at Fenimore/Prospect Curb Extension; fall planting
- Village native plant ordinance
- Rockland pocket butterfly habitat – next steps

**Community Engagement:**

- New Event (September 24<sup>th</sup>)– Mamaroneck Monarch Butterfly Festival sponsored by CFTE and Recreation Dept.

**River Maintenance/Restoration**

- Collaboration with Flood Mitigation committee to ‘tweak” ACE project

**Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:**

- Next meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 am

**Food Scrap Recycling:**

- 287 households as of 7/7
- 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.

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MINUTES OF June 21, 2022 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), Lou Young (Village Trustee), Christi Young, Mandy Forlenza Sticos, David Freeman, Katherine Dehais, Debbie Sullivan.

Also Present: Tony Gelber (VOM Flood Mitigation Chair), Dan Sarnoff by phone (VOM Assistant Manager).

Members Absent: Tim Whitney, Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Renee Crabtree.

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order at 8:24 pm.

### **General Discussion**

The minutes of the Committee's March 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

Ellen, Kate and Debbie joined the CompostEd tour on June 6th. Aleks Jagiello who runs the educational site and conducted the tour is eager for it to be promoted to students and other groups.

The Wheelabrator incinerator tour in Peekskill has been postponed until July 8th.

The CftE needs 1 or 2 new members. Ellen asks that we reach out to people in the Village who might be interested. Resumes should be submitted to Sally Roberts.

### **EV Charging Stations**

Dan Sarnoff reported that the approval for 10 Blink EV charging stations will be on next week's BOT agenda.

### **Healthy Yards**

Jerry Barberio was recently interviewed in a Tech Terra webinar about the Village's organic park maintenance.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Debbie is working on a monarch mural along with the Arts Council; the library has been approached as a possible site for it. The mural will likely be moveable, digitally printed on canvas/sailcloth. Mandy and others planted native pollinators around the flagpole in Columbus Park.

Discussion of Village native plant ordinance proposal. Kate shared the County policy which it was agreed could be used as a model. Kate and Ellen will work on a draft; Mandy will work on a list of natives that can be attached as an appendix. Once we have a draft, we will decide about proposing it to the Village.

Rockland Pocket. Mandy and Kate identified and ribboned off an area in Rockland Pocket that has lots of milkweed. On Monday, a group cleared some of the overgrown invasives. The Highway or Parks Department will clear out some of the area as well. Discussion focused on how to best protect and preserve the area; the village attorney should be consulted for specifics about the area. David brought up that there may be grants available for newly created parks.

### **River maintenance/Restoration**

Kate and Tony presented their “tweaks” to the ACE plan for the Mamaroneck River in Columbus Park: daylighting the ACE’s proposed underground pipe, lowering the parking lot to create an absorbent flood plain. The Village would have to be responsible for some of the work. Lou will try to facilitate having Kate and Tony present to the BoT. Christi advocated for using the ACE project to enhance access and native species; Ellen recommends partnering with the Flood Mitigation Committee on issues involving the project.

### **Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities**

Ellen will be setting up a new meeting of the subcommittee. She sees a path to have the VOM be at Bronze status.

### **Food Scrap recycling**

The DPW pick up pilot was successful and will be ongoing. There are currently 278 households enrolled as of 6/2. The April and May volumes are about the same as last year. Ellen asks that the Village put up new signage announcing the pickup program. Dan will follow up on this. He will also follow up on the Food Scrap grant that is offered from DEC. This could be used for equipment for the program, bins for low income residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Sullivan