

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

General Discussion/Announcements:

- Vote to approve minutes from January 2022 meeting
- Set goals for 2022
- Update on Healthy Clubs

Healthy Yards

- Village of Mamaroneck Mayor signed the Monarch Pledge – discuss pledge elements
- Elizabeth Poyet guest speaker – L/M Pollinator Pathways
- NEEF Grant application – Christi/Kate

Community Outreach

- Set date for Spring Clean and Green
- Discuss Litter Awareness Campaign

River Maintenance – Kate Dehais

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:

- Meeting set for March 1st

Food Scrap Recycling:

- Implementation of curbside pickup; community outreach

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.

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2022 Goals/Initiatives	Committee Members	Specific Actions
Climate Smart Community/Clean Energy Communities Programs [Climate Smart Communities Task Force]	Ellen Silver David Freeman Debbie Sullivan Daniel Kushnick Liam Robb O'Hagen Tim Whitney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unified Solar Permit - New York Stretch code - Become a Certified Smart Community
Promote EV usage	Daniel Kushnick Tim Whitney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue advocacy for additional EV charging stations - Create a "roadmap" of locations for charging stations throughout the Village
Healthy Yards (Pollinator Pathways, Lawn Maintenance, Native Plants, etc)	Christi Young Mandy Forlenza Sticos Liam Robb O'Hagan Renee Crabtree Kate Dehais Ellen Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with Village to create pollinator sites on Village property; Apply for NEEF Grant for Pollinator Habitats to fund this effort (BOT presentation) - Work with L/M Pollinator Pathways to promote pollinator gardens with residents. - Establish an AGZA Zone
Food Waste Recycling Program	Ellen Silver Renee Crabtree Debbie Sullivan Liam Robb O'Hagan Tim Whitney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Village in rollout of curbside pickup with communications, community engagement, etc.
Community Outreach/ Social Media	Ellen Silver Mandy Forlenza Sticos Christi Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize Spring and Fall Clean and Green events - - Litter Awareness Campaign - Organize community engagement event ie. Book club, film discussion - Maintain active IG account; activate CFTE FB page
River Maintenance	Kate Dehais Christi Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify sections of the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers where invasives need to be eradicated. - Explore opportunities for open space along the rivers
Taylors Lane	David Freeman Ellen Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to track developments and advocate for open space

Community Garden	Renee Crabtree	- Oversee garden and assign plots
Comprehensive Plan	David Freeman	- Encourage and support completion

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2022**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Freeman, Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Debbie Sullivan, Christi Young, Katherine Dehais, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Mandy Forlenza Sticos

Also Present: Tom Murphy (Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck), George Latimer (Westchester County Executive), Lou Young (Trustee, Village of Mamaroneck)

Members Absent: Tim Whitney

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:25 pm.

General Discussion

The minutes of the Committee's December 21st, 2021 meeting were approved.

Food Scrap Recycling Program

Tom noted the Board of Trustees has on the agenda for its next meeting a resolution authorizing the Village Manager to designate food scraps as an official recycling item in the Village. The Committee thanked Tom for helping to move this initiative forward and offered to help with communication efforts to increase participation in the program.

[George Latimer joined the meeting.]

Taylor's Lane Update

A brief discussion was held relating to the lack of progress on this site. The last update received by the Committee was the Village was waiting to receive final documentation from the Department of Environmental Conservation delisting the site, as noted in the minutes of the November 17, 2020 CFTE meeting. Tom agreed to follow up with Dan Sarnoff to find out how to move this forward. George agreed to see if the County could help move this forward.

2021 Goals Reviewed and 2022 Goals

Ellen led a discussion of a review of the Committee's 2021 goals and accomplishments. Goals for 2022 were then discussed.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities Task Force Update

Ellen noted that she would like to see an AGZA Green Zone established in the Village of Mamaroneck.

River Maintenance

Kate led a discussion on the state of the riverbanks along the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers in the Village. She would like to see a beautification program established which would include the removal of invasive species and trash from the rivers and riverbanks and the addition of native plantings and paths to make the rivers walkable as they represent a underutilized community asset. George recommended the Committee put together a list of priorities which the Village and County would then discuss to determine next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée Crabtree