

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021 MEETING**

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

Members absent: Maria Karsou,

Also Present: Thomas Murphy (Mayor), Lindsay Reitzes (Village resident)

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

General Discussion:

The minutes of the Committee's April 20th, 2021 meeting were approved.

CFTE Logo Contest

Ellen noted that the contest has been launched. The flyer has been posted on social media and also sent to the art departments at the local high schools as well as the library. The deadline for submissions is June 1st.

CFTE Instagram Account

Ellen and Mandy have setup an Instagram account which launched on May 1st. We currently have 83 followers and working on increasing this number.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities Sub-Committee:

Ellen noted that paperwork has been submitted to NYSERDA which will make the Village 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.

David Freeman and Ellen agreed to present at the June Board of Trustees' meeting to request a task force be established who's goal will be to obtain Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community certifications. 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. Also at the June Board of Trustees' meeting, Ellen and David will be making a recommendation that the Village enact a Unified Solar Permit ordinance which will streamline the approval process for residents seeking to install solar panels.

Clean and Green Event:

Ellen noted that the event was very successful and thanked Mandy for all her efforts. A discussion took place on ways to improve future clean-up events which included making the team captains more visible, posting signs at each clean-up site as a meeting point and having a registration table at Harbor Island to allocate walk-ins to a clean-up site. The Committee is also considering holding a fall clean up.

Food Waste Recycling Program:

Ellen noted that she is hosting a composting presentation with the Mamaroneck Library on June 2nd at 7 pm. Tom Murphy agreed to inquire about the possibility of selling composting kits through the Village's website as another way to increase participation in this program.

Healthy Yards:

The leaf blower door hangers have all been distributed and received mostly positive feedback from residents. David Styler agreed to send Jerry a thank you note for his help with this initiative. Renée noted that the Pollinator Pathways will be hosting a Pollinator Garden Tour on June 13th from 10-1 which is free to the public to help promote healthy yards and the planting of native species. Mandy noted that the Committee would like to plant some more milkweed in an area close to the beach at Harbor Island and agreed to send Tom photos of the area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree