

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Freeman, David Styler, Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Tim Whitney, Debbie Sullivan, Maria Karsou

Also Present: Tom Murphy (Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck), Beverley Sherrid (Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee), Jim Killoran (Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City)

Members absent: Christi Young, Mandy Forlenza Sticos

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:00 pm.

**General Discussion**

The minutes of the Committee's July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved.

Ellen noted she attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Kane Park to unveil Westchester's first American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) certified Green Zone. The CFTE will host a table at the Lions Community Service Fair on September 25<sup>th</sup> behind the Hommocks Ice Rink. Volunteers from the Committee to man the table would be welcome. Renee Crabtree noted that the Larchmont Pollinator Pathways would also be hosting a table at this event. Ellen reminded the Committee of the upcoming Repair Café on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mamaroneck Senior Center.

**Proposed Tree Ordinance for the Village of Mamaroneck**

Ellen noted the upcoming BOT public hearing on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm during which the proposed tree ordinance will be discussed. Beverly Sherrid then joined the meeting to walk the Committee through the main features of the proposed tree ordinance. Following this discussion, a motion was passed for the Committee to support the proposed tree ordinance. Beverly then left the meeting.

**Hurricane Ida**

Jim Killoran joined the meeting. Jim summarized the storm damage to homes in the Village and surrounding municipalities and discussed the work the Fuller Center has been carrying out for Village residents. Ellen thanked Jim for his organization's hard work. Jim then left the meeting.

Tom Murphy recapped the events of the night of the storm in the Village and paid homage to the hard work and commitment shown by the Villages' employees, volunteer firefighters and emergency service people. Tom discussed the ongoing clean-up efforts and also the proposed ACE flood remediation project.

**Fall Clean Up Event**

Ellen noted this event will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee to organize this event. Ellen will coordinate with the Department of Public Works and Jerry Barberio to help with this event.

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

Ellen noted that a free workshop for code enforcement officials and building inspectors was being held by NYSERDA on October 7<sup>th</sup>, which she had informed Jerry Barberio of. Ellen also reminded the Committee of the October 20<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit a grant proposal. The NY Stretch Code and the Unified Solar permit programs were discussed. Liam agreed to circulate material on both of these programs to allow the Committee to discuss them further at its next meeting.

## **Food Scrap Recycling Program**

Ellen noted that the DPW had suspended this program because of the storm damage caused by Hurricane Ida. Ellen noted the importance of keeping this program running for residents who are participating in it. Tom agreed to follow up with the DPW with a view to restarting the program as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree