

Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment

AGENDA

February 16, 2021

7:00 pm Via Zoom

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Vote to approve minutes from January 2021 meeting
- Curbside pickup proposal – BOT Meeting discussion
- NYSEERDA Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round; Hudson Valley Regional Council – Tim Whitney
- Sustainability Westchester Cost Saving Programs
 - Community Solar
 - Grid Rewards
- Select Date for Clean and Green Event and begin planning

Guest Speaker: Brandon Jacobs, Senior Executive Sales Manager, Blink, (Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions)

Healthy Yards: Leaf blower Door Hangers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public comments to be allowed at the end of each meeting.
2. Each person limited to 10 minutes unless otherwise agreed to by the CFTE.

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
DRAFT—FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

Mayor & Board of Trustees
Village of Mamaroneck
123 Mamaroneck Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Re: Taylor's Lane Landfill

Dear Mayor and Trustees:

We are writing with respect to the future of the Taylor's Lane landfill.

We understand that the site has been successfully remediated and has been reclassified as a Class 4 site on State's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. The Class 4 listing signifies that the site is properly closed but requires continued management.

According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's website, "continued management" will include (a) a deed restriction limiting future use of the site to active or passive recreation and ancillary uses, and (b) an operations and maintenance plan requiring, among other things, continued maintenance of a landfill cap. We have been advised that paperwork relating to these restrictions is in the process of being completed.

We understand that the Board of Trustees is considering possible future uses of the site. We would very much like to be of assistance in those deliberations.

Kindly advise us as to how we can best assist the Board in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Silver
Chair
Village of Mamaroneck Committee
for the Environment

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES & CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Climate Smart Communities

NYSERDA's **Clean Energy Communities (CEC)** program (<http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec>) is a new initiative to help local governments across the State reduce energy consumption and drive clean energy use in their communities. Contact cec@nyserdera.ny.gov with questions about the CEC program.

New York State's **Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification** program recognizes local climate action leaders and provides a comprehensive framework for local climate and energy action. Climate Smart Communities earn points toward certification by documenting completion of specific climate protection actions described in the CSC Certification Manual.

The CEC and CSC programs are complementary. Most of the High Impact Actions included in the Clean Energy Communities program satisfy the requirements of one or more certification actions under the Climate Smart Communities program. See below for details. Communities that complete any of the CEC High Impact Actions are encouraged to apply for points under the related CSC certification actions.

CSC / CEC Action Comparison

Clean Energy Communities High Impact Action	Related Climate Smart Communities Certification Action(s)
Benchmarking: Adopt a policy to report the energy use of buildings	3.5 Install a building energy management system 3.31 Implement an energy or GHG management system 3.32 Adopt an energy benchmarking requirement for government-owned buildings 8.11 Adopt energy benchmarking requirements for privately owned buildings
Clean Energy Upgrades: Achieve a 10% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings	3.1 Conduct energy audits of local government buildings 3.2 Upgrade interior lighting 3.3 Upgrade HVAC equipment 3.4 Install water-efficient fixtures 3.5 Install a building energy management system 3.9 Upgrade water or waste water treatment facilities and infrastructure 3.31 Implement an energy or GHG management system 4.1 Adopt a green power purchase policy to ensure increasing local government energy supplies come from renewables 4.4 Purchase renewable energy credits 4.5 Install a geothermal heat pump or other geothermal technology at a new or existing public facility 4.6 Install solar hot water and/or solar photovoltaic technology on public property 4.7 Serve as a host site for a renewable energy installation and enter into a long-term service contract or power purchase agreement 4.8 Install a wind system on public property 4.9 Install a wood pellet heating system on public property 12.1 reduce GHG emissions from government-owned facilities

Clean Energy Communities High-Impact Action	Related Climate Smart Community Certification Action(s)
LED Street Lights: Convert street lights to energy-efficient LED technology	3.15 Convert street lights to LED
Clean Fleets: Install electric vehicle charging stations or other alternative fuel infrastructure or deploy alternative fuel vehicles	3.12 Replace traditional vehicles with advanced vehicles 6.11 Install electric-vehicle infrastructure 8.10 Support alternative transportation fuel supply infrastructure
Solarize: Undertake a solarize campaign to increase the number of solar rooftops	9.1 Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaption 9.2 Create and support an energy reduction campaign or challenge 10.3 Cooperate with neighboring communities and partner agencies
Unified Solar Permit: Streamline the approvals process for solar	6.3 Adopt a renewable energy ordinance
Energy Code Enforcement Training: Train compliance officers in energy code best practices	None
Climate Smart Communities Certification: Get certified by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation	All
Community Choice Aggregation: Put energy supply choices in your community's hands	4.1 Adopt a green power purchase policy to ensure local gov't energy supplies come from renewables 9.1 Create a climate change education, outreach, and engagement program, focusing on mitigation and adaption 10.1 Report on progress annually
Energize NY Finance: Offer energy upgrade financing to businesses and non-profits	6.6 Incentivize renewable energy and energy efficiency

Climate Smart Communities

Any village, city, county or town in New York can take a stand in the fight against climate change and become a **registered** Climate Smart Community (CSC) by adopting the CSC pledge as a municipal resolution (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/65494.html>).

The CSC Certification program (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/96511.html>) provides local governments with a robust framework to guide their climate action and enables high-performing communities to achieve recognition for their leadership. Communities are designated **certified** Climate Smart Communities by documenting how they have completed a set of actions listed in the CSC Certification Manual (http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/certman.pdf) and submitting that documentation to the NYS DEC Office of Climate Change.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2021 MEETING**

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

Members absent: Maria Karsou

Also Present: Dan Natchez (Trustee)

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

General Discussion:

The minutes of the Committee's December 15th, 2020 meeting were approved.

Goals for 2021:

The Committee revisited the goals put forward at the December 15th, 2020 meeting with a view to refining the list.

1. Water/Waterfront Quality/Beautification - Mamaroneck River/Harbor
 - Ellen considered the goal to improve access to the Mamaroneck River would require infrastructure improvements and therefore, given budgetary constraints, would not be realistic for 2021. There was general agreement to remove this from this year's list of goals. We will continue our focus on harbor clean-ups with our annual Clean and Green event (if it occurs this year) and other informal clean up efforts. We can partner with the Marine Education Center on this effort.
2. Explore how the Village can set and meet goals in accordance with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act
 - David Freeman offered to arrange for a guest speaker to join the Committee's next meeting to discuss steps that neighboring communities have taken to become a Certified Smart Community
3. Promote Electric Vehicle usage by the Village and promote charging stations
 - Dan Kushnick offered to arrange for a guest speaker to join the Committee's next meeting to discuss ways to increase the number of electric charging stations for cars in the Village and funding available to do this.
4. Healthy Yards

The following initiatives were combined under the heading of Healthy Yards:

 - Leaf maintenance
 - Pollinator Pathways
 - Yard maintenance
5. Food Waste Recycling Program
 - Suggestions were made to order "We Compost" stickers (same as Town of Mamaroneck) for residents to display on their cars, bins, etc. to raise awareness of the program.
 - Ellen would like to include literature on some of the Committee's other initiatives, such as Healthy Yards, in the food waste bins being sold to residents
6. Community Outreach
 - Increase community outreach/engagement in the Committee's initiatives through social media, schools, in person contact/events

- Mandy and Ellen are working with Robert Ingenito to increase the Committee's social media presence
7. Clean and Green Event (and other mini clean events)
 - Due to continuing high levels of COVID cases, it is uncertain if the annual harbor clean-up event would go forward again this year. There was general agreement from the rest of the Committee; however, it was considered that more informal clean-ups on a smaller scale could be organized by the Committee throughout the year.
 8. Taylor Lane Site
 - David Freeman offered to draft a letter to the Board of Trustees laying out the Committee's proposal for the best use of this 7-acre site and circulate it to the Committee for comment
 - David Styler offered to organize a tour of the site for the Committee
 9. Comprehensive Plan
 - It was agreed to continue the Committee's consultative role to assist the Board of Trustees to finalize the Village's Comprehensive Plan
 - Dan Natchez agreed to keep the Committee informed of any developments on this process

Ellen asked Committee members to indicate which initiatives they would like to be involved in this year prior to the Committee's next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree