

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