

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), David Styler, Martin Hain, Renée Crabtree, David Freeman, David Finch, Dan Kushnick, Christi Young, Maria Karsou

Also Present: Dan Natchez (Trustee), Jerry Barberio (Village Manager), Tim Whitney (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

**General Discussion:**

The minutes of the Committee's November 2019 meeting were approved.

The committee agreed to move the February meeting to the 25<sup>th</sup> since the currently scheduled meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> falls during school break.

Ellen noted that there are currently two vacant seats on the Committee. Tim Whitney would like to be considered to fill one of these seats and will submit his resumé to the Village for consideration.

Renée Crabtree was appointed Secretary for the Committee.

**Indoor Farmers' Market Update:**

The Indoor Farmers' Market is up and running and being held at the Pavilion at Harbor Island every Saturday. Ellen noted that the Committee has a table at the market every other week to sell composting kits and do community outreach and asked for volunteers from the Committee to man the table.

**Report on Port Chester Town Hall meeting attended by David Styler:**

David Styler attended the Town Hall meeting in Port Chester which focused on raising awareness of the options for reducing the carbon footprint of Sound Shore communities. David noted that there were many presenters at the meeting that would be of interest to the Committee and agreed to provide Jerry with a list of the speakers with a view to inviting some of them to speak to the Committee about these initiatives.

**Plastic Bag Ban Update:**

The New York State ban on single-use plastic bags will go into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Village needs to revisit its laws relating to single-use plastic bags once the new State law comes into effect.

**Update on the US Open "Green Event":**

Jerry updated the Committee by noting that the Village is focusing on reducing and controlling the amount of garbage produced by this event in and around the Village. To that end, the Village is working with an environmental consultant to achieve this. Jerry

asked the Committee to get back to him with any suggestions/projects we would like to roll into this initiative.

**Taylor's Lane Update:**

It was noted that the DEC has proposed to delist the site from the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as it no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment. This means that the site may now be used for certain restricted uses. Dan Natchez agreed to put this on the Board of Trustees' agenda to discuss the way forward to determine the best use of this 7-acre site. He agreed to get back to the Committee with an update on progress within six months.

**Recycling Subcommittee:**

Ellen asked if Jerry knew the number of tons of food waste that has been composted. Jerry does not yet have these numbers but will get them to the Committee when available. The possibility of curbside pick up was discussed. It was noted that the schools in the district are composting but no one has reached out to the local restaurants to get them involved. Maria Karsou and Christi Young agreed to approach local restaurants with a view to getting them involved in composting and reducing garbage.

**Mosquito Control Program:**

Jerry noted that the Village utilized a staff member to handle the mosquito application program last year but hopes to also do this himself once he is licensed. This staff member will continue to work with the Village on the program this year. The Village's goal is to minimize spraying and to use no synthetic pesticides. Jerry agreed to post on the website and Facebook a best practices list for homeowners for reducing mosquito populations without the use of synthetic pesticides.

**Comprehensive Plan Update:**

Jerry agreed to provide the Committee with an update from the consultant relating to the Plan.

**Leaf Blower Legislation:**

Jerry noted that the standardization of the rules across local communities is underway. Jerry agreed to look into transitioning to electric blowers. Jerry agreed to share the statistics of enforcement of this law and also is planning to designate "code enforcers" who can give out tickets for non-compliance. He is hoping this will greatly reduce the use of leaf blowers during banned periods.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree