

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 MEETING**

Members Present: Katherine Desmond, David Freeman, Martin Hain, Marc Karell, Maria Karsou, David Styler, Ellen Silver

Also Present: Mitch Green, Chair, Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Collaborative; Kristen Andersen, Chair, Larchmont Environment Committee

Absent: David Finch, Colin Goldberg, Robert Ingenito, Kristen Young, Dan Natchez (Trustee)

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

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

The Committee discussed plans for a demonstration of in-place mulching of grass clippings and leaves. It will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 16th at Harbor Island Park. David S. and Katherine will talk to Jerry Barberio to finalize plans, after which there will need to be publicity about the event. Katherine noted that there is a "Love 'Em and Leave 'Em" toolkit available at leleny.com.

The Committee discussed the fate of the initiative to bring into alignment the leaf blower restrictions of the Town and both Villages. That effort seems not to have gone forward. Kristen Andersen noted that a proposed year-round ban on gas-powered leaf blowers (with electric blowers permitted during the summer) will be considered by the Larchmont Village Board at its next meeting. Kristen stated that, based on her committee's research, the economics of electric blowers have sufficiently improved that a ban gas-powered blowers is now feasible.

Mitch Green discussed the initiative of the Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Collaborative (TOMSC) for making the U.S. Open, to be held at Winged Foot in June 2020, a "green event". The TOMSC has been meeting with the Town Board and representatives from both Winged Foot and the USGA and has developed a preliminary list of "asks", which Mitch circulated at the meeting. The TOMSC intends to request that the Town Board establish these items as conditions for granting the Town permits needed for this event. He is hopeful that Board will approve most, if not all, of these requests as permit conditions. There are also ongoing efforts to coordinate this initiative with local merchants and with the event's commercial sponsors (e.g., Lexus).

The Committee agreed to support and work with TOMSC and the Larchmont Environment Committee on this initiative. The Committee asked Mitch to prepare a list of sustainability-related items—consistent with and supportive of the Town's efforts—that the Village can and should request of the tournament organizers. Mitch agreed to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Freeman