

Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment
AGENDA
January 18, 2022 @7 pm via Zoom

General Discussion/Announcements:

- Vote to approve minutes from December 2021 meeting
- 2021 Year in Review
- Set goals for 2022
- **Styrofoam Ban takes effect** <https://dailyvoice.com/new-york/portchester/news/ny-styrofoam-ban-takes-effect-jan-1-heres-what-to-know/822335/>
- **Climate Can't Wait Jan. 25th Mobilization in Albany**
- <https://climatecantwait.org>
- River Maintenance - Kate

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:

- AGZA Green zone

Food Scrap Recycling:

- Letter writing campaign for curbside pickup; waiting for Village response
- Interim measures for drop off
- NY's new food waste law. [Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)

Public Comment:

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

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING

Members Present: David Freeman (Acting Chair), Renée Crabtree, Dan Kushnick, Debbie Sullivan, Christi Young, Katherine Dehais

Also Present: Kelly Wenstrup (Trustee, Village of Mamaroneck)

Members Absent: Mandy Forlenza Sticos, Ellen Silver, Tim Whitney, Laim Robb O'Hagan

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:40 pm.

General Discussion

David Freeman welcomed Katherine Dehais to the Committee.

The minutes of the Committee's November 16th, 2021 meeting were approved.

Kelly advised that she was recently appointed as Village Board of Trustees (BoT) liaison to the Committee, but that she would soon be resigning from the BoT and moving to Florida. We presumably will be advised in due course as to the identity of our new BoT liaison.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities Task Force Update

David updated the Committee on the Clean Energy/Climate Smart Task Force's last meeting. David reported that the Task Force's recommendation that Ellen be appointed Task Force Coordinator had been forwarded to the BoT. Kelly advised that the BoT had approved this appointment. Jerry Barberio and Dan Sarnoff are working with the Task Force to move forward on certification of the Village as a CSC.

Climate Emergency Declaration

After a brief discussion, a resolution was passed to urge the BoT to join with Westchester County and many neighboring communities in declaring a climate emergency. We will request the BoT to task the Committee with developing a list of actionable items and specific plans to address the emergency.

Food Scrap Recycling Program

As previously reported, the private food scrap collection service known as ASAP will stop collecting on December 31, 2021. A resolution (copy attached) was passed to urge the BoT to consider providing curbside pickup of food waste. David agreed to provide Kelly Wenstrup with a copy of the resolution.

Pollinator Pathways Projects

Renée Crabtree gave a brief update on the various projects the local chapter of the Pollinator Pathways is involved in. Kelly suggested Renée meet with Jerry Barberio to discuss moving some new projects with the Village forward. Renée also agreed to ask Elizabeth Poyet, who heads the local chapter, to present at one of the Committee's upcoming meetings.

River Maintenance and Flooding

Katherine Dehais led a discussion on riverbank maintenance in the Village. Katherine has submitted to the Village the question of who is responsible for maintaining the riverbanks - homeowner or Village - and is awaiting a response. The Committee agreed that the amount of garbage and invasive species clogging the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers exacerbates the risk of flooding, and that this is a problem that needs to

be addressed. It was observed that this issue might be usefully addressed in the Comprehensive Plan that is currently under review by the BoT.

Conservation Plaques at the Harbor

Kelly agreed to write to Jerry Barberio about maintaining the conservation plaques in Harbor Island.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Crabtree

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2021 Goals/Initiatives	Committee Members	2021 Accomplishments
Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act/Certified Smart Community	Ellen Silver David Freeman Debbie Sullivan Daniel Kushnick Liam Robb O'Hagan	-GridRewards campaign – awarded \$5K grant -Community Solar campaign – awarded \$5K grant -Creation of Climate Smart Communities task force
Promote EV usage	Daniel Kushnick Tim Whitney	Introduced Village to Blink. Village needs to act.
Healthy Yards (Pollinator Pathways, Lawn Maintenance, Native Plants, etc)	Mandy Forlenza Sticos Liam Robb O'Hagan Renee Crabtree Tim Whitney	Leaf blower door hanger campaign
Food Waste Recycling Program	Ellen Silver Maria Karsou Renee Crabtree Debbie Sullivan Liam Robb O'Hagan Tim Whitney	Unanimously passed a resolution urging the VoM to begin food scrap curbside pickup Resolution passed to request DPW to reopen on Saturdays Compost presentation with Larchmont and ToM at the Mamaroneck Library
Community Outreach/Social Media/Update CFTE	Ellen Silver Mandy Forlenza Sticos	Tabled at Winter Farmers Market to sell kits and do community outreach Created CFTE Instagram account Logo Contest; creation of CFTE logo Participated in first ever tri-municipal Repair Cafe
Clean up events	Ellen Silver Mandy Forlenza Sticos Tim Whitney	Successfully ran a spring and fall clean and green events. Expanded clean up zones, free compost away, mobile shredder, large volunteer turnout
Taylors Lane	David Freeman David Styler Ellen Silver	Did site visit; still in limbo
Comprehensive Plan	David Freeman	Remains on hold
Community Garden	David Styler	Ongoing