

Village of Mamaroneck • Committee for the Environment

AGENDA

September 20, 2022 @7:30 pm • Village Courtroom, 169 Mount Pleasant Ave.

General Discussion/Announcements:

- Vote to approve minutes from July 2022
- Select date for Fall Clean and Green
- Repair Café – October 16th 1 – 5 pm
- New CFTE members; junior member
- MHS OCRA program – possible research project on increase in litter
- Circuit – Free, On-demand electric shuttle service

Community Engagement:

- Mamaroneck Monarch Butterfly Festival sponsored by CFTE and Parks & Recreation Dept. – September 24th 11 am – 1 pm

EV Charging Stations – Update from BOT meeting

Healthy Yards

- Native plantings at Fenimore/Prospect Curb Extension; fall planting
- Village native plant ordinance
- Rockland pocket butterfly habitat – next steps

River Maintenance/Restoration

- ACE project grassy culvert “tweak” - Update from BOT meeting

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities:

- Youth Climate Action Demands
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Next meeting September 26th 10 am

Food Scrap Recycling:

- 295 households as of 8/2
- [Food scrap monthly tonnage](#)
- DEC Food Scrap grant
- New signage indicating pickup service needed

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 July 19, 2022 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver (Chair), Lou Young (Village Trustee), Mandy Forlenza Sticos, David Freeman, Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Renee Crabtree, Debbie Sullivan.

Members Absent: Tim Whitney, Christi Young, Katherine Dehais.

Guests: Neil Desai, Tony Gelber.

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order at 7:12pm

General Discussion

The minutes of the Committee's June, 2022 meeting were approved.

ACE project. Guest speaker, Tony Gelber, of the Flood Mitigation Committee reported that the Board of Trustees passed a motion on 3 changes to the ACE Flood Mitigation plan: "the grassy channel", and changes to the railroad and Halstead Avenue bridges. "The grassy channel" was presented in our last month's meeting as a tweak to the ACE's plan to build a tunnel underneath the Jefferson Avenue parking lot, while the changes to the 2 bridges are more substantial and seem more likely to be rejected by the ACE. Tony asked the CftE for support to recommend that only the grassy channel tweak be recommended by the BoT to ACE. They will be deciding this at their next meeting.

The Committee unanimously passed the following resolution to be recommended to the BoT: In lieu of the closed culvert recommended in the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) development plan for the Jefferson Avenue parking lot area, the Committee for the Environment recommends that the Village Board and the ACE give consideration to an alternative plan of having an open culvert surrounded by parking areas with permeable paving, as a more environmentally friendly solution to the flooding problems in this area.

Comprehensive Plan. Neil Desai, VOM Consultant from Hardesty & Hanover, gave an update on the comprehensive plan. Ellen had given him some changes that need to be incorporated into the November 2020 version of the plan. Once these are added, the plan will be further discussed at the August 2 meeting of the CSC/CEC task force. Neil left the meeting after his presentation.

Repair Cafe. This will be the second year that the TOM is running the Repair Cafe. They want to have the VOM and VOL cosponsor the event. Debbie volunteered to help with the planning; Dan, Liam and Debbie offered to help at the event on October 16.

New CftE Members are needed. Ellen would like to add a Junior Member which is recommended by the NYS Conservation Advisory Council.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Lou reported that the recommendation to the BoT is in motion. The BoT wanted to know what other nearby villages have done. Dan will provide more information on this if needed, and can arrange for Brandon from Blink to present to the BoT if they would like more information.

Healthy Yards

Monarch Mural. Debbie has been working with the Art Council and the Library on a Monarch Mural at the entrance to the Library. She will be following up with them.

Native Plantings at Fenimore/Prospect Curb Extension. Jerry Barberio has asked for our advice on native plants on this newly created space at the intersection of Fenimore and Prospect.

Village Native Plant Ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting when Kate is present.

Rockland Pocket Butterfly Habitat. Lou will follow up to find out who is responsible for maintaining the area. It is an environmentally important area. Liam pointed out that there may be plans for this area in the ACE Flood Mitigation Plan. Lou reported that the ACE plan is not fully developed and that they will give us more information when it is 60% complete.

Community Engagement.

Mandy presented the plans for the Monarch Butterfly Festival on September 24th. It will be a two hour event focused on family fun and Monarch education. Vendors are still needed. Please let Mandy know if you have any suggestions.

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities update

Next meeting is August 2nd at 10 am. Neil Desai will be joining to discuss the Comprehensive plan

Food Scrap Recycling

There are 287 households participating as of 7/7; 5.9 tons were collected last month which is more than last year. Ellen will follow up with Dan Sarnoff regarding the DEC food scrap grant and new signage to promote the pickup service.

Other business

Mandy raised the issue of revamping the VOM CftE website.

Taylor's Lane: Ellen participated in a call with Dan Sarnoff and a consultant regarding Solar arrays being installed there. Lou shared that this is DEC's preferred usage; it is close enough to a substation to be used this way.

Debbie raised the issue of moving the meeting back to a 7:30 time. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectful submitted,

Debbie Sullivan