

AGENDA
VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK-COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
May 21, 2024 @7:30 pm, Village Hall Court Room

Open Meeting

Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2024 Meetings **(7:30 - 7:35)**

Up Coming Events (7:35-7:50)

- Native Garden Tour (Dinah)
- EV Car Event September (Liam)
- Repair Cafe (Debbie)

New Committee Member (7:50 - 8:00)

- Possible Candidates currently no candidate applications
- Inviting Jordana Brennan Confident Building

Committee Reports 8:00 - 8:30)

- Mamaroneck Greenway updates and future initiatives NYS Thruway Soil testing among other items (Kate)
- Composting/Healthy Yards "Plant Swap" (Jen)
- Climate Smart Communities (Liam)
- Education Real Estate Agents Package (Dinah)
- PR/Media (Rachel)

Updates (8:30-8:50)

- Unified Solar Permit According to Lou Dan Sarnoff will deal with Staff directly(Liam)
- Energy Smart Homes (Debbie)
- Community Gardens (Renee, Dan)
- Leaf Blower Education Opportunities (Jen)
- Grant for Taylors Lane, Taylors Lane may be released to Village by DEC in June???
- Composting Week Awareness event (Debbie)

New Business (8:50 -9:20)

Discussion of playground surfaces, Do we want to make a recommendation to the BOT?

Public Comment: At the end of each meeting. 10-minute limit per person, unless otherwise permitted by CFTE.

June Meeting at the Regatta due to Village calendar conflict.

Close Meeting

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
April 16, 2024 Meeting**

Members Present: Dan Kushnick (Chair), Lou Young (Trustee), Jen LeClair, Lindsay Reitzes, Katherine Dehais, Debbie Sullivan, Renee Crabtree, Christi Young, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Rachel Hook. **Absent:** Dinah Koehler

The meeting is called to order at 7:36 p.m. at the Village Courthouse.

Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Meeting are unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Chase founded Victory Farms in 2020 getting local families to grow vegetables for donation to the Food Pantry. The program has grown and she is now focusing on Community Garden's participation. They are sponsored by the Lions. Renee will reach out to some of the Community Garden members. Lindsay will also reach out.

Events:

Larchmont Farmers Market table with TOM: Lindsay, Dan, Debbie and Rachel will participate to sell compost kits and give away seeds, information.

Native Garden Tour: discussion tabled until Dinah is present.

EV Car Event: Liam has submitted the Scoping document to NYSERDA for the EV Community Campaign. He is planning a community event in Harbor Island during National EV Car week, Sept 28/29.

Composting Awareness: During International Compost Awareness Week, Lindsay, Jen, Rachel and Debbie are organizing a Poster Contest for grades K-8, with a Prize Party at the Mamaroneck Library on May 6, 4-6. On the same day, 1-3, Debbie will hold a tabling event at the Library to promote composting. There have been issues with kits being sold to non-village residents, so addresses need to be checked. Robert Ingenito has suggested that CFTE target neighborhoods where a lot of residents participate in the pick-up program to canvas for new composters.

Review of Community Clean Up: Lindsay reports there were 150 participants, many people attended who had not registered, including a girl scout troop. There were very few HS kids this year.

Native Plant Swap: May 11, Poetry Garden is a possible venue.

Central School Earth Day: April 24; Liam and his son will be tabling.

New Community Member: Members still need to reach out for possible candidates.

Jordana Brennan, a resident who emailed the CFTE with policy suggestions, is a possibility. Liam and Dan to follow up.

Committee Reports

Mamaroneck Greenway Updates. Kate asks that there be an official Mamaroneck Greenway Task Force. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

The CFTE requests the BOT to create the Mamaroneck Greenway Taskforce. The project has grown beyond the CFTE to include input from other committee members from Flood Mitigation, the Tree Committee and other interested residents. The Greenway needs to be officially recognized by the BOT as a project needing its own dedicated team and formalized as a Task Force instead of an ad hoc group.

Kate reports we are still waiting to hear about the grant approval. Sarah Powell and she will be walking the length next Tuesday. On May 4, Kate will meet with the Washingtonville Neighborhood Association as a public education effort. Dan and Kate will be meeting with the HCZM. Kate has met with Taryn and Dan Sarnoff re applying for grant money for flood plain parking at Columbus Park/Jefferson Ave. Kate is also following up on a HCZM study of the aquifer that Mamaroneck is built on.

Composting/Healthy Yard. Lindsay would like to highlight different people involved with Composting during Compost Awareness Week. A resident sent an email regarding management of Lesser Celandine invasives. Kate will respond to her that the CFTE opposes the use of chemicals. We recommend fighting plants with plants, specifically Packera Aurea (Golden Ragwort) combats the regrowth of Lesser Celandine. The cutting of Knotweed, which causes it to multiply if not done properly, needs to be addressed.

Climate Smart Communities: CSC Bronze Status to be announced next week. The CSC Task Force is discussing options for using the grant money; it needs to submit requests to NYSERDA by June 27th.

Education, Real Estate Package: Tabled until Dinah is present. Christie suggests making up a flier with best gardening practices for a door hanger.

Updates

Unified Solar Permit to be on the BOT Agenda.

Debbie will work on getting Energy Smart Homes on the VOM website.

Community Gardens: no new follow up.

Landscaper Database: Lindsay will follow up with Katherine Parnell of VOL. The TOM is talking about passing a gas blower ban.

Grant for Taylors Lane: not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34

Submitted by

Debbie Sullivan