**Rye Sustainability Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**Online Meeting at 9:30am**

**Call to Order:** 9:33am

**Present:** Patti Capparelli, Gretchen Crowley, Linda Mackay, Sue Drouin, James Ward, Judi Linton, Sara Goddard (city council liaison), Euka (city of Rye), Pam Haas, Chris Cohan, Lori Fontanes (guest)

**New Business**

* December minutes approved
* 2021 Meeting dates reviewed
* Annalise and Kelly have stepped off the committee. Pam Haas and Chris Cohan are onboard for membership; their resumes have been submitted for official approval. Pam: 13yrs Rye @ Rye Colony, FSR supporter, RHYP supporter/hosted coffee. Chris: grew up and returned to Rye, focus is trees
* 2021 Goals reviewed. \*\*GHG inventory (James) inventory and monitoring of FSR/MSW vs Food scraps out, make it an ongoing process. Also more frequent updates on RSP, to make more of a “living” document

**Energy**

* RSC and Westchester Power Webinar to educate/inspire (Patti, Judi) : February event (date TBA) Speakers on Community Solar program folding into Westchester Power CCA , get discount automatically. Promote! Raise awareness
* CSC (Linda) – reached out to NYSERDA, DEC and Mid Hudson Coordinator on Rye’s CSC digital file of actions completed for possibly becoming “certified community” to advance opportunities for grants

**Waste Reduction/Recycling/SSLS/FSR**

* FSR (Patti, Linda, James)- discussed Nick at Curbside Compost option for waitlist
* Donation guide being updated by RSC intern

**Healthy Yard/ Pollinator Pathway Initiatives**

* (SUE) leaf blower ban- how to get there, steps re: other municipalities/process
* Tree Fund “Branching Out for Rye”- (Patti, Judi) Sending thank you notes, will update on total of funds. Judi working on levels of giving = specific outcome, like a tree for $1000, to encourage more giving/”ownership”; school system opportunities: a class/grade gives a tree, give for a teacher gift and plant at the school @ Midland Chris is familiar, “Planting Day” James
* Landscaper event Jay Heritage- Make attending possibly part of permitting process for landscapers (Pam)

**Water/Land Use**

* Tree City USA 2021- City does the application
* Tree Ordinance- (Patti) meeting with City Council member Carolina J. to discuss tree loss and planted, canopy reduction, importance of ordinance to canopy, carbon sequestering, heat islands, planting locations (Chris suggested 3 areas in need to city)
* LISS- (James) discussion of water/sewer issue, Sara settlement last month to repair and upgrade crumbling sewers
* Osborn Rezoning- brief discussion of issues
* Avon Rezoning-brief discussion
* Wainwright House/Row America- neighborhood issues

**Community Outreach**

* Green Screen (Gretchen) – Food insecurity “Let’s Eat it” documentary, virtual: Link to watch and then a panelist event: chef, gardener, food pantry rep.

**Other Business**

\*\* Rye Sustainability Plan Update/ GHG emissions inventory- see above in “New Business”

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 3th, 2021 @ 9:30am

**Meeting Adjourned**: 11:20am