

**Rye Sustainability Committee Draft Minutes**  
**Monday, December 2, 2019**  
**City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor**

Call to order: 9:10AM

New Business

1. Review & Approve October Minutes
2. Welcome Guests:
  - a. Christina Albrite. Discussion about introducing Food-Scrap recycling to Water's Edge.
  - b. Due to scheduling conflicts, all 2020 meetings will be in the morning.
3. Committee Goals – Melissa working on a summary of 2019 Goals
  - a. Creating a list of 2020 Goals
    - b. Discussion of resurrecting the past tree ordinance (raised by community member Emily Powers)
      - i. Past City Council public hearing may still be open, may potentially be a good topic to have a City Council workshop on?
      - ii. Gretchen working on water bottle filling stations at Sports Fields – possible partnership with Xylem water?
      - iii. Patti – Zero waste initiative
      - iv. Annalise – “Greener” building codes – update housing inventory?
      - v. Melissa to circulate past tree ordinance to committee members
    - c. Discussion of updating a wetlands map for Rye (last updated in 1985)
      - i. Would include CCAC and include a comprehensive plan and wetlands discussion
    - d. Discussion on the reinvigoration of the tree fund for 2020

e. Sustainability Plan has been removed from the Rye City website. Melissa working with City Hall to upload.

### Waste Reduction/Recycling

#### 1. Food Scrap Recycling:

- a. Need to get the word out more broadly – list serve is not available
- b. Would be great to have food scrap pick up days added to the website
- c. Discussion about registration and the importance of continuing to track those that use the program
- d. It is time for people to re-register and pay for the 2020 program
- e. Melissa applying for a rolling DEC grant for the Food Scrap Recycling program

#### 2. Sound Shore Last Straw:

- a. Kelly to follow-up with Coveleigh
- b. Julie Souza to follow-up with Granola Bar owners

### Water/Land Use

#### 1. Branching out for Rye Tree Fund:

- a. Melissa created an electronic certificate for all donors
  - b. Donations now being accepted for trees to plant at Fireman's Circle
2. Discussion on Arbor Day planning – scheduling before the end of this year
3. Letter from Melissa was sent to Paul Versame to suggest flooding prevention – bio swells, rain gardens etc. In partnership with Ryan Prime
4. Rye Sustainability committee has taken a position regarding the installation of turf of Nursery Field. Discussion about next steps for the turf at Rye High School