



Rye Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2019

City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor

Call to order: 9:07AM

Present: Sara Goddard (liason), Melissa Grieco, Linda Mackay, Gretchen Crowley, , Kelly Smith-Powers, Leslie Winters (guest), Bonnie Council (guest), Emily Wells (guest)

New Business

- March minutes to be approved after the meeting
- Green Schools, Green Futures Conference – _(Melissa/Linda)
- 125 attendees
- panalists discussed school gardens, community gardens, FSR, etc.-
- April 24th city council to discuss leaf blower law
- May 5th- volunteer Park Day; Jay Heritage needs volunteers
- Suzanne C. – tennis bubble in residential neighborhood/wetlands; please write letters to city to oppose
- RSC Leadership Award given at 4/24 meeting (city council): categories: 1. Youth-Girl Scouts
- (compost fun badges too)
- 2. Business-Rosemary and Vine
- 3. Municipal: Ryan Coyne/DPW ,
- 4. Out of town: Ron and Michelle
- 5. Individual-Carolyn Cunningham (next year Bill Lawyer)
- 6. Organization- Jay Heritage

Energy (Linda)

- Corporation Counsel Roundtable at Pace Land Use Law Center on 3/21 -
- DEC officials presented regarding Climate Smart Communities and grants that are available. Good opportunities for grants for municipalities, Mayor Cohen, and city lawyer also attended

Transportation

Waste Reduction/Recycling /SSLS (Melissa, Gretchen, Patti, Linda)

- Wilton Zero Waste Faire 3/25 (Linda).
- RSC had a table with RSC Banner, FSR Starter Kits and informational material.
- Many lots of people from other municipalities attended
- Education and influence to adopt FSR
- Sound Shore Last Straw (Melissa)
- On a roll! New pledge signers Apawamis Club, On the Way Café, Sunrise Pizza. More to come (Pureganics, Frankie & Johnnies).
- New leadership at Rye Town Park. Water bottle filling stations and SSLS at Barley on the Beach?
- F_o_o_d_S_c_r_a_p_R_e_c_y_c_l_i_n_g:-_(Patti, Linda)
- 4 wks, per household 1st wk: 6lbs, & 8lbs, total tonnage 3.56tons , some green bins full/overflowing: need bigger bin

- FSR article running in 4/5 Rye Record
- Arcade book store display
- (add date of registration sign-ups to Google spreadsheet for better tracking)
- upcoming participant survey;

Water/Land Use (Sue, Melissa, Amy)

- Schools and City-w_i_d_e_ 'N_o_ I_d_l_i_n_g_ D_a_y_'(Sue)
 - most schools
 - April date TBT
 - More signage mostly around schools
 - proclamation will be read: designating yearly N.I.D.
- Another Oakland Beach cleanup (Melissa)
 - Rye Town Park Saturday, April 6th, 9-11am.
- RSC co-hosting, will audit debris
- Pollinator event at Rye Nature Center (Amy, Melissa)
- with CCAC on Friday, April 12th – _
- Eventbrite has been sent out. 39 sign-ups so far. Will cover Pollinator Pathways, make yard pollinator friendly, deal with pests

Community Awareness/Outreach (Gretchen, Sara)

- Green Screen
 - o -Thursday, 4/25/19 at 6pm. Screening of “Clean Bin Project” at Rye Country Day School followed by cooking demo and interactive Q&A with Chef, --Writer and Actor Erica Wides. Please register and help spread the word!
- Quarterly Newsletter (Sara)
 - o Spring edition sent out on March 7th. Lots of info on our initiatives and updates including photos, SSLS, FSR

Healthy Yard Program (Amy, Sue, Jenny)

- Guest: Leslie Winters: leaf blower problem
 - o Not enough enforcement- 1 in 10 “warning”, 1 in 20: summons
 - o Require permits?
 - o 12 years, no change

Meeting adjourned: 10:31