

City of Rye Sustainability Committee
Minutes meeting February 2, 2020
9:00-10:30am
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor

Call to order: 9:10am

In attendance: Melissa Grieco, Gretchen Crowley, Patti Capparelli, Linda Mackay, Sue Drouin, Kelly Smith Powers, Annalise Stack, Sarah Goddard (liaison) and Guest Judy Studebaker and Lori Fontanes

New Business

- January Minutes approved.
- Westchester County Food Waste Study results - county will cover transportation costs bringing food scrap cost to \$29/ton which is the same as the municipal solid waste cost; contract with one hauler using larger trailer to reduce trips to Ulster,
- Discussion on 2020 RSC Environmental Leadership Award. Categories: Individual (nomination: Bill Lawyer) Youth (nomination: Kajol) Non-profit: (nomination: Manursing Island Club)
- Should Rye Sustainability Committee become the resource for solar providers?
- Sustainable Westchester has chosen the Knapp House in Rye in partnering with Bedford 2020 to create a sustainable, education garden. Demonstrations and resources, rainwater retention, vegetable garden, compost, pollinator garden
- Lori Fontanes shared information about the "Love your Food" initiative

Waste Reduction/Recycling

Food Scrap Recycling:

FSR communication: No renewal notice sent yet, DEC grant opportunities.No update on returning compost to participants. Discussion about Greenwich "Pay as you Throw" Initiative. Can someone present in Rye?

Sound Shore Last Straw:

Judi visited La Panetiere and Frankie and Johnny's

Water Bottle Filling Stations:

outdoor stations, Elkay brand, Howard Chumsky/plumber, wholesale. Location discussion

Water/Land Use

Tree Ordinance:

Year of the Tree 2020, CCAC & RSC work together to educate community on trees, tree preservation, workshop at Greenburgh Nature Center cited 40% tree canopy as an important benchmark, DEC grant tree inventory \$40,000, collect data from other municipalities, need city council resolution to move forward with tree ordinance

Tree City USA:

Update on Tree City USA signage

All 2019 requirements have been met. Number of trees pruned in 2019 was outstanding.

Healthy Yards/Pollinator Pathway Initiative:

New map to replace damaged map!

Community Awareness/Outreach

Green Screen April 2020:

Pause for Spring – a possible beach clean-up instead? Ideas for a possible screening in the Fall. Need 1 hour film - educational length. Consider other ideas: water or native plants

UPCOMING MEETINGS: March 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 am