



Rye Sustainability Committee Minutes

Monday, January 6, 2018
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor

Call to order: 9:15 am

Present: Sara Goddard (liaison), Melissa Grieco, Gretchen Crowley, Patti Capparelli, Linda Mackay, Amy Kesavan, Kelly Smith-Powers, Sue Drouin, Annalise Stack and guests Ryan Prime and Emily Wells

New Business

- December minutes approved
- Rye Composting Pilot was approved by the Rye City Council. Camera training took place on 1/15 at RyeTV studio.
- Ryan and Emily provided information about the newly formed Disbrow Park Conservatory. This will be a 501C and provide opportunities for education on wetland conservation. It was suggested that the group reach out to Tracy Stora from CCAC for support.
- 2019 Sustainability Committee website review is under way. All comments, updates and new pictures to be sent to Sara. Addition of printable PDF's to the website – please submit all topics that provide useful tips for the community. Suggestions for new blog posts – Buying local vs. organic as next article? Also adding a section on recommended environmental books – please send all suggestions to Sara.
- The Sustainability Leadership Award will be presented in April. All nominees should be sent to Melissa.
- 2019- Goals and Projects: Have heard from Gretchen, Patti, Suzanne C, Melissa so far. Introduce more bottle filling stations in downtown Rye (GC), expanded single use plastic reduction campaigns that include the use of balloons (GC), Meatless Mondays (PC), wasternotwednesdays/shopping tips (PC), Earth Day beach cleanup with TORSC (PC), light pollution awareness campaign (SC), exploring modeling Irvington's Historic Building Design Guide (SC), Solarize Rye Campaign (MG), Native Plant Order for City of Rye (MG), Tree Inventory grant opportunities (MG), RSC Youth Volunteer Award (MG)...Help Osborn school-""no idling", March: Foodscapes/yard edibles, Videos/PSA on FSR circle of food, use at Greenscreen, panel discussion, Sectors of sustainability plan: land use: community garden
- Suggestion for the Sustainability Committee to work with the Farmer's market to reduce the use of plastic bags and incorporate more organics.

- No idling day is planned for the first week of March. (Sue and Stacy Massey)
- Invasive vine clean-up day will be scheduled in March on County owned property in town.
Recommendation for another stretch of the Playland Parkway.

Tree Fund (Melissa)

- The application for 2018 Tree City USA has been submitted

Energy (Linda)

- NYSERDA \$5000 grant not received by city yet, will follow up

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

- Residential composting (Patti, Linda)
- Pilot passed with a unanimous Vote by the City Council
- Camera training took place on 1/15. Webinars and videos will be rolled out with this initiative.
Volunteers needed from the schools, parishes, civic organizations.
- Launch targeted for March

Healthy Yard Program (Sue, Amy, Jenny)

- Proposal for a joint Healthy Yards, landscaping event between the Sound Shore Communities in the Spring.
- Call for a more robust ban on leaf blowers. Suggestions to create a unified law, promote the use of electric leaf blowers only and implement a permit program.

Green screen (Gretchen, Melissa)

- Thur. April 25th 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 am