

City of Rye Sustainability Committee  
Minutes meeting January 6th, 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, Sarah Goddard (liaison) and Cynthia Mackay (guest)

**New Business**

- December Minutes approved.
- Discussed solar (Cynthia's interest in attending): Rye Rec construction: possible solar panels and white roof paint. City Master Plan update essential for sustainability as a focus for the future
  - Website updates.
  - Recap of Arbor Day celebration and acknowledgement on 12/18/19, City will take over Tree City USA data: planting, pruning and removing
  - . • Paul Varsames Locust Avenue development bioswale/rain garden letter. Does anyone know how to get foot in the door? Need to look at now: re chambers and curb cut. Maintenance could be an issue. St. Regis development: approach their office with a plan for a rain garden
  - Discussion on 2020 RSC Environmental Leadership Award. Start awardee selection process. Categories: Individual (nomination: Bill Lawyer) Youth (nomination: Kojol ) Non-profit: (nomination: Manursing Island Club) Municipal: (?) Business (nomination: Pearl group)
- Tag Sale:Municipal/ for all in Rye to participate, end of day all left over items donated/picked up in one location by VETS, Big Bros. Sisters, clothing to local non-profits: Sharing Shelf, Carver Center

**Waste Reduction/Recycling**

- Food Scrap Recycling:
  - FSR communication: Has link to renew curbside registration for 2020 been sent out?
  - Recollect credit card capabilities. Any update? - Update on DEC grant application.
  - RSC website FSR update.
  - FSR language for www.ryeny.gov home page. Melissa to send to City Clerk
- . • Sounds Shore Last Straw:
  - Per Gretchen, Whole Foods has switched to paper straws in Florida locations. How about Port Chester?
  - Barley Beach House, Coveleigh Club (just need pledge!), La Panetiere, Whitby Castle, Fogama, June & Ho, Patisserie Salzburg, Watermoon, Frankie & Johnnies, Piazza Pizza, other delis etc -- all need approaching.

**Water/Land Use**

- 'Branching Out for Rye' Tree Fund:
  - Raised \$3,800 total in 2019. #GivingTuesday campaign raised the bulk of it within 3 weeks -- \$3,350.
  - Melissa and Liz Garrett will be presenting the plans for Milton Circle landscaping at City Council meeting on Wednesday, 1/8. A transfer resolution will be passed to transfer total fund balance to DPW to fund the four trees (3 native dogwood and 1 native Hawthorne) being proposed for the circle. They need to order them now.
  
- Tree Ordinance (Chapter 187):
  - Trees will be on the City Council agenda in 2020, as per Josh
  - Melissa forwarded Josh all docs from the 2012 effort.
  - Tree Matrix with surrounding Westchester municipalities' ordinance details needs to be updated. Patti has already started the effort. Flag lots discussed: a zoning issue/planning commission= zoning code
  
- Tree City USA:
  - Update on Tree City USA application for 2019.
  - 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. Update on 12/13/19 meeting at RCDS.
  - Will have a clothing swap at the event
  - "The Conscious Closet" By Elizabeth Cline- recommended reading for this event

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** February 3, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 10:46am