



## Rye Sustainability Committee

### Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2019

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

Call to order 9:10

Present: Melissa Grieco, Gretchen Crowley, Patti Capparelli, Annalise Stack, Jenny Hirsch, Amy Kesavan, Sara Goddard (liaison)

#### New Business

-April minutes approved

- Recap

-Rye Derby – Sold 4 FSR kits, will post pictures of girl scouts helping out.

-Climate Change at RNC – Community feedback on NYS proposed Climate Change Bill. Sara will send press release link to members.

- Green Infrastructure Water Workshop - Available on Rye TV and slides will be available on EFC website. Could use this as a resource for getting grant for trees and green roof. Identifying potential and advocating ideas (e.g. bioswales, sidewalk grant), RNC available to partner.

-This Wednesday is the City Council Meeting at the Square House

-FSR survey responses – overwhelming majority wants to see it become a permanent program. Committee agree to close the survey and do a second round in September before pilot ends.

-FSR team will convene to discuss way ahead and next steps

-FSR will offer drop-off at the Farmer's Market for the summer from 10-12. RSC Volunteers needed. Melissa will confirm with Dakota Russo that we will start with a booth.

-FSR program has diverted 17,650lbs of food scraps in 9 weeks with about 5% of the Rye population participating in the pilot.

Energy (Linda)

## Transportation

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

-Patti has sample alternatives to current FSR backs to consider. Compostable bags that provide better durability than current bags will be evaluated for the future.

### Water/Land Use (Sue, Melissa, Amy)

-No Idling Day was a success on Wednesday May 25, 2019. Mayor passed a no idling day proclamation.

### Community Awareness/Outreach (Gretchen/Sara)

-Leadership awards given on 4/24

-Green Screen – 106 people in audience

- Event format will be revised: consider the honored guest speaking first and overview of the movie to highlight major themes.

### Healthy Yard Program (Amy, Sue, Jenny)

-Planting a Pollinator Paradise event and 50-60 attendees.

-Pollinator Pathways Initiative (PPI): Locating a large sized map of Rye to map.

-Healthy Yard Program – add PPI component to Healthy Yard Pledge.

-Healthy Yard Events – discussion of future coffees on how to promote sustainable lawn. Engage Rye Newcomers via the club.

-Leaf Blowers – Some discussion on Council level about the ban regarding Sunday leaf blowing by city staff during ban months. Complaints regarding lack of enforcement. Electric blowers are becoming more common and environmental impact and coverage under ban is under discussion.

Meeting adjourned: 10:50