

Rye Sustainability Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2020
9am Zoom meeting online

Call to Order: 9:04am

In Attendance: Patti Capparelli, Gretchen Kay Crowley, Linda Mackay, Sue Drouin, Judi Linton, James Ward, Amy Kesavan, Annalise Stacks, Sara Goddard (City Council liaison), Amanda Timchak (guest), Aliene Brown (guest), Lori Fontanes (guest), Daniella Redondo (guest) Euka Pietrosanti (city of Rye)

New Business:

- Approved October 2020 minutes
- 2021 RSC Meeting Dates- First Wednesday of the month proposed for meetings, Patti will check and get back to us
 - 2021 Goals- put list together based on Rye Sustainability Plan, email your ideas
 - Nov 7th 9am-11am Community Cleanup Day at Disbrow Park- Judi a captain: temp checks, masks, gloves, distancing
 - Nov 14th Zero Waste Day at Playland- volunteers needed (minimal), masks, distanced, accepting hazardous waste and donations to local non-profits, clean out your house!

Energy

- EPA Green Power Partnership (Linda)- meeting taking place today to determine Rye's eligibility
- Westchester Power Renewal Waste Reduction/Recycling (Linda)- Educate Rye: no fees, no profit like ESSCOs, benefits of bulk buying and supporting green energy directly in NYS and with Renewable energy credits
- Food Scrap Recycling (Patti, James)- City council meeting: curbside pickup will continue until January 30, 2022, but needs to reach 85% participation rate, a closer compost facility than Ulster. Need to contact curbside list get those off not using and waitlist households on to route

Water/Land Use

- Osborn Rezoning (Sue)- guests reported on Osborn Home proposed building/ zoning changes and many impact to neighborhood: green space, trees, traffic/safety/Osborn school
- Leaf Blower Ban (Patti, Sue)- Larchmont's electric leaf blower ordinance: possibly pursue for Rye
- Long Island Sound Study (James)- publishing plan for Congress soon, will update us
- Land Use Leadership Alliance Training (Patti, Sara)- great learning experience, eye-opening, anyone can attend next year
- *Tree City USA (Patti)- DPW working on it, application and celebration being pursued

Healthy Yards/Pollinator Pathway Initiative

- Acorn to Oak (Judi)- no acorns yet, requests to try again, wait and see last yr. huge amount could be impacting this year's lack
 - Rye Town Park Pollinator Pathway (Lori F)- RTP working on how to take advantage of whole park, design power point on RTP website, money, launch in Spring 2021

Community Outreach/Awareness

- Fall/Winter posts Other Business (Patti)- social media posts any ideas send, Sue: leaf mulch video
 - Rye Sustainability Plan Update/GHG Emissions Inventory (James) building spread sheet on ways to do inventory; software investigations for planning, reducing CO2
 - RSC 10th Anniversary (Gretchen)- Design for "thanking" partners and supports to post and publish in Rye Record

Meeting adjourned: 11:15am

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Monday, December 7 at 9am online