

Members Present : Dan Kushnick, Christie Young, Renee Crabtree, Lou Young, Jen LeClair, Mary Shiffer , Rachel Hook, Dinah Koehler, Lindsay Reitzes, Liam Robb O'Hagan.

Guests in Attendance: Members of Stem Alliance, Stuart Tiekert

The meeting is called to order at 7:40pm at Village Hall at the Regatta.

Minutes of the January 16th meeting at approved.

The Hommock Roaring Robots/Stem Alliance Team presented their video game and website to the committee. For every 100 views we will clean 5 pounds of trash.

Food scraps pickup – CTFE is unanimous that we support the program.

Dan will make another request to Village to update website with monthly data. Committee agrees that there needs to be a push on promoting the program in order to increase usage.

MS4 – Stuart requested the CTFE support the Village in complying with MS4. Committee agrees that Village should submit paperwork, and Mary suggested reaching out to Village Engineer to discuss finalizing report that was due 4/30/2023.

Street Sweeping – do we need to revisit schedule to align with current weather events? Street sweep post leave collection. Committee agreed further discussion is needed.

Florence Park/Use of Fibar - Stuart addressed concerns about Florence Park – Stuart suggested using Fibar, which is currently used at Columbus Park. Lou is following up to find out if there would be any reason that would prohibit the Village from using this in Florence Park.

DPW pickup - Stuart addressed the Board with concerns about the broader picture of DPW pickups. Questioning whether we should have a fee for bags. Clear bags mandatory. Backyard pickup – fee (exemption for handicap). Organics year round (combine food and yard waste - no meat). More discussion will be added to agenda for March meeting.

Lou suggested a larger audit of operational changes based on climate changes on village calendar (leaf pickup, street sweeping, beach opening)

Events – Lindsay reviewed upcoming spring events including Clothing Swap March 16, Community Clean up April 13, Earth Day at Tri-municipal Tabling at Larchmont Farmers April 20 + Larchmont Earth Day event on April 27

Committee Updates

(Jen) Native Plants – Additional plants will be added to the surround Bark Park. She is looking into adding informational signage at planted parks.

(Liam) Climate Smart Communities – Clean Homes Campaign – achieved Tier 1, and on track to achieve Tier 2.

(Liam) Leaf Blowers – group of citizens from various interests plan to discuss an agreeable plan moving forward but CTFE stands by their support of the law that was passed.

(Renee) Community Garden

CTFE proposed and passed a resolution to ask the BOT to direct that Parks and Recreation Department find a new location on VOM public property for the Community Gardens that is mutually agreeable to the CTFE and ideally meets the following specifications:

- roughly 50'X100' (minimum 50'X50')
- able to be enclosed by a fence
- area not prone to flooding
- access to a water source
- access to parking
- plenty of sunlight

(Dinah) Garden Tours – Dinah is organizing with Pollinator Pathway.

(Kate) Open Spaces – Update on the planning grant with Long Island Sound Study--our Expression of Interest is accepted and we are now a candidate. Dan is sending a letter to property owners to request easements. Presenting to Parks and Rec commissions next week and Harbor Coastal zone.

Mary raised issue of permeable surfaces and ways we can incentivize use on private property. Is there a way to eliminate taxes for major improvement to encourage replacement with permeable surfaces rather than replacing/upkeeping nonpermeable surfaces such as driveways which currently there is more financial incentive to do.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

