

City of Rye Sustainability Committee Minutes
meeting February 2, 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, Annalise Stack, Judi Linton, James Ward, Sarah Goddard (liaison) and Guests Judy Studebaker and Lori Fontanes

New Business

- January Minutes approved.
- Westchester County Food Waste Study results - county will cover transportation costs bringing food scrap cost to \$29/ton which is the same as the municipal solid waste cost; contract with one hauler using larger trailer to reduce trips to Ulster,
- Discussion on 2020 RSC Environmental Leadership Award. Categories: Individual (nomination: Bill Lawyer) Youth (nomination: Kajol) Non-profit: (nomination: Manursing Island Club)
- Should Rye Sustainability Committee become the resource for solar providers?
- Sustainable Westchester has chosen the Knapp House in Rye in partnering with Bedford 2020 to create a sustainable, education garden. Demonstrations and resources, rainwater retention, vegetable garden, compost, pollinator garden
- Lori Fontanes shared information about the "Love your Food" initiative

Waste Reduction/Recycling

Food Scrap Recycling: FSR communication: No renewal notice sent yet, DEC grant opportunities.No update on returning compost to participants. Discussion about Greenwich "Pay as you Throw" Initiative. Can someone present in Rye?

Sound Shore Last Straw: Judi visited La Panetiere and Frankie and Johnny's

Water Bottle Filling Stations: outdoor stations, Elkay brand, Howard Chumpsky/plumber, wholesale. Location discussion

Water/Land Use

Tree Ordinance: Year of the Tree 2020, CCAC & RSC work together to educate community on trees, tree preservation, workshop at Greenburgh Nature Center cited 40% tree canopy as an important benchmark, DEC grant tree inventory \$40,000, collect data from other municipalities, need city council resolution to move forward with tree ordinance

Tree City USA: Update on Tree City USA signage. 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: Pause for Spring – a possible beach clean-up instead? Ideas for a possible screening in the Fall. Need 1 hour film - educational length. Consider other ideas: water or native plants

UPCOMING MEETINGS: March 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 am