

## Agenda for the Environmental Committee

Meeting Date: March 20, 2023

### 1) Opening – Dave Brizzolara

“This meeting, which conforms with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, is a regular Environmental Committee meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board”.

### 2) Roll Call –

Dave Brizzolara       Dritan Xhillari       Norel Blundo  
 Boniface Kiamue       Kathryn Cribbin       Jodi Murphy  
 Student Member George Kabezian       Student Member Morgan Fedorchik  
 Councilman Chris Montana

### 3) Administrative Items/Council Liaison Report

#### 4) Public Forum

#### 5) Passing of February meeting minutes

#### 6) April Town Cleanup

##### a) Logistics/supplies – Chris coordination with Rick

- 9:30 start; 12:00 end
- Dave to reach out to Christine Blainey
- Dave to bring luggage scale to weigh some of the garbage collected

##### b) Location

- It seems like it could be OK for adults to pick up garbage, but too dangerous
- Brookside School – Dave to ask Chris to potentially reach out to schools to let them know we could potentially target the school for clean up
- Jodi – Berkeley School by the water
- Park plus two schools

##### c) Social media sign ups – Kate

- Date – April 22 – we are still on even with the town-wide garage sale
- Kate to start posting on social media

#### 7) Trex Program

##### a) Schedule next three weeks

- Kate, Boniface, Chris

##### b) Placards

- Norel passed around sample of what it could say
- Order through the clerk’s office
- Kate/Jodi – do we want to look into doing a QR code with the placard?
  - Make it link to the landing page for the WEAC on the town website
  - Make sure to update the page with pictures of existing benches and information about the TREX program

- c) NexTrex – Chris worth speaking with Rick Woods about?
  - Dave to follow up with Chris
- 8) Environmental Education Series
  - a) May 6 will not work for the Tenafly nature center – they will do evenings; woman in charge of the program will get Norel a list of available dates; \$50 deposit to hold the program; need to check with Chris; Dritan to follow up with the Community Center
  - b) Norel went to the presentation on ecological gardening at Hillsdale library; wasn't overly impressed with the presentation, but learned something
  - c) Jodi to reach out to MEVO - Violette
- 9) Social Media
- 10) Open Discussion
  - a) Dave – do we potentially do a little PSA about putting out garbage and recycling on windy nights?
  - b) Recycling – Dave to follow up with Chris about getting questions to the recycler
    - Norel – recycling in town is often not done correctly even at the recycling center
    - Kate – signage?
    - Norel – it is often manned but the workers are not telling people what they should and shouldn't do
    - Jodi – can we put up a big sign with pictures and a checklist
    - Certain questions: size of bottles, caps on/off, the extra ring, labels, colors, in general – what does the recycler require?
      - we should all think of the questions
    - Norel – truck is idling all day
    - Kate – we should make a document of our questions
    - Dave – apartments most of the time don't pay for pick ups. Can we put a recycling brochure or some type of signage so that residents who do want to recycle know where to get rid of it.
    - Boniface – does it need to get approved?
    - Kate – not generally
  - c) Community Garden – 20 plots have been assigned; Norel reminded Cathy this is first come first serve because spots were being reserved; 3 new applicants should now have priority
    - WEAC has a plot now – Plot 25
    - Boniface – is it popular enough where we may need to expand it?
      - Norel – not sure the town wants to do that
    - There are still 8 plots up for the taking; Jodi - we should be putting out information either in Pascack Press or on social media
    - Jodi – do we have a post-season survey that goes out to the users to identify where the issues are and get some feedback. Maybe by like October or November?

- d) Kate – received an email to our gmail – Dan Zambrano from Shade Tree committee; invited WEAV to participate in a tree planting event the week of April 25-29
- We should divide up the events and try to have representation there. Kate to forward email to the group