

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
March 15, 2023 @7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present:

Mark Ellison
Laura Petit
Ellie Gartenstein
Chris DeCicco
Noel Russ

Also present:

Chris Baker

Excused: Cynthia McVay, Nina Nichols and Lee Gough

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of February 2023 Meeting – Upon Motion of Laura Petit, seconded by Ellie Gartenstein, and all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Membership – Chris Baker would be meeting with the Town Board. If she is appointed, the Environmental Board will have a full membership.

UC EMC – February 2023 Minutes had been provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Repair Café – Laura Petit provided update for next Repair Café to take place on March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Ascension Church, West Park. Chris Baker had a sewing machine she could provide if needed. Sign would be going out March 16th. The event is also on the events calendar and Facebook page for the Town.

Earth Day Celebration – Sunday, April 23, 2023. Saplings should be coming from Saratoga, NY on the 18th of April, 2023 and if the ground was frozen, give away would be pushed out until Arbor Day. Laura Petit had reached out to Supervisor Freer and there was a possibility of planting saplings at Town Hall. Investigation would be made as to what trees would be most appropriate to plant. There were 6 participants confirmed but goal was to occupy 25 tables. Steve Cerini had volunteered to participate. There would be one more meeting for the Environmental Board to finalize plans. Laura Petit noted that there was a possibility of a Upcycle Fashion Show to take place. Chris DeCicco participating in “design a garden” activity and would provide supplies. Chris Baker asked if there were vendors that she could tap her resources to determine availability. Farm products were being provided but herbal products and soaps would be interesting as well as water protection/purification presentation. Looking for a local chef for vegan sampling. Noel Russ reached out to a contact to see if an electric car could be provided. Laura Petit stated focus was on circular economy with more child activities provided. System needed for public presentations.

Discussion ensued relative to the situation of the willow trees at Freer Park.

Upcoming events of interest:

Riverkeeper Clean Sweep looking for volunteers at James Rieker Park in Connelly on May 6th

Zoom link provided for “Invasive Species of the Hudson Valley” presentation taking place March 16th.

Climate Smart Task Force

Laura Petit had been concentrating on Earth Day and Repair Café.

Submission into the NYSERDA Matrix would next be available in July.

Ellie Gartenstein had provided an example of an existing Green Procurement Policy from another municipality.

P9 Emergency Preparedness Zoom has been rescheduled from February 16, 2023 until April 27, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa K. Mance, Secretary

Approved: April 19, 2023