

Rye Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Call to order: 9:02 AM

Present: Sara Goddard, Linda Mackay, Colleen Margiloff, Carolyn Cunningham, Patty Capparelli, Liz Garrett, Sue Drouin, Annalise Stack, Gretchen Crowley, Julie Killian (Liason) Danielle Tagger-Epstein (Liason)

- **Green screen (Gretchen, Sara);**

Friday, February 3rd, Rye Country Day School, Memorial Hall at 6 PM reception, 6:30PM film: **Minimalism** 80 min, director coming

New Business

- Dan Alan stepping down effective December 31, 2016 from RSC after five years
- New member joining Patti Capparelli
- Waste management initiatives: Clubs/restaurants, medication disposal, Cork recycling: Gretchen Crowley will spearhead after Green Screen
- Cali Gibbs and Linda Mackay will take minutes for 2017

Healthy Yard Program

- Sue organizing RHYP coffee 14 people, 85 Stuyvesant St. 10 to 11:30am, January 18th
- Potential future coffee hosts: Kim Veber, Caroline Walker, Cali Gibbs, Kelly Smith- Powers
- Liz/ Event: January 27th "How to talk to your landscaper about going organic" @ Rye nature center at 9:30 AM, 40 people registered
- Fall bigger event, as well as leaf mulching demo on Village Green, asking permission
- 500 yard signs for healthy yard program paid for by Rye nature center. Need to encourage and promote, maybe neighborhood competition?
- Andrea write Rye Record piece on yard signs for Garden and Home issue

Waste Management

- Waste reduction: clubs and restaurants : American Yacht Club leader in this area; Gretchen, Sarah, Linda and Andrea met with Karen Bresolin

Energy

- Sustainable Westchester's Municipal Solar Buyers Group: number of municipalities doing pilot program: Dan Chorost contact
- Publicity: Sue will write piece on: Le Pain Quotidien carbon neutral goal

Earth Day

- Earth day suggested activities: Sat. April 22 Healthy Yard signs at library terrace or deliver, photo of the first tree planting from tree fund. Restaurants, stores ask for donations for Earth Day: leaf in window and percentage of sales to tree fund. Developers and builders (Lorono, Varsame) get to donate to Rye tree fund

Tree Fund (Melissa, Sara, Colleen, Annalise)

- \$2100 to date, goal \$5000?, \$10,000?
- Paperless post thank you
- One idea: add tree to website with 25 leaves on it

Goals

- Goals for 2017 everyone look at list pick something to work on

Continuing Business

Sara- Newsletter : 1/24/17, work on partnership opportunities with Wainwright House, Rye City Landscaping Practices

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45am