

Report to the Village Board March 9, 2022

Our meeting was held on March 8 at the Village Hall. Here is a summary of our discussions.

1. The 2022 Dash for Trash in the Village is set for Saturday April 23 in celebration of Earth Day. We plan to set up a tent in the Village Square for registration, judging and offer information regarding residential composting and recycling.
2. So far we have filled and returned four Big Green Boxes for recycling. That is approximately 172 pounds of batteries and small electronics that will not go to landfills.
3. We discussed the use of the funds received for our Community Solar Campaign. We agreed to allocate some of the funds to the DPW for the purchase of battery powered string trimmer. We also agreed on funding the installation of a water fountain, similar to the one considered at Mills Park, in the Village Square adjacent to the bandstand. We would like to move forward on these items when all the grant funding has been received. At this time, we have received \$775 from Astral Power. I have contacted Solstice regarding their incentive (2,500) and will follow up with them next week. Tara Donadio is checking into the timing of the NYSERDA grant (\$5,000) and will try to expedite payment.
4. We are again partnering with the Library and Hannaford on the next Meatless Monday campaign. We discussed compiling vegetarian recipes and creating an electronic catalogue to be posted on the Library's and Village's Facebook page. We also plan on reaching out to anyone who would like to contribute recipes to the catalogue.
5. There was a discussion of having additional electric charging stations in the Village on commercial properties. Tara Donadio is looking into funding that is and will be available to commercial property owners.
6. We discussed the recently issued draft of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan, specifically the section on recycling. Questions were raised about the single stream system we use in the Village. We would like to get data on the amount of materials collected that are actually able to be recycled. I ask that the Board to contact County Waste to get that information as well as county Waste's policy of what should and should not be put into the single stream containers. Having this information can assist us in providing educational information to the community.
7. We asked Tara Donadio to provide information regarding funding for heat pumps for Village buildings. We also discussed the possibility of starting a residential heat pump campaign in the Village similar to the community solar campaign.
8. I received a request from Paul Greene to be the Village's representative on the County Environmental Management Council. I believed he has contacted Trustee Flaherty regarding this appointment. I think he would be a great addition to the Council.