

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2016

Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

Attendance: Dave Avrin, Dan Convissor, Claire Davis, Beverly Jansen, Bhavya Reddy (Chair), Francois Rjeili, Glenn Rosenbloom (BOT Liaison), Martin Smolin

1. Water Sense Program -

Bhavya referenced an email forwarded to the EAC from Fiona Hodgson, Village grants writer, about a new EPA program that promotes water conservation. The EPA can provide information on conservation techniques that the EAC can use to further promote water conservation. The consensus is that the Village/EAC should take advantage of this program to further public education on water conservation in coordination with its plan to construct a new water tank facility in the Rockefeller Preserve.

Questions followed regarding the new water tank. Glenn reported that a groundbreaking was held in April, however, the engineering study phase is still not finalized. One item still under consideration is the possible merger by Briarcliff, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow of their 3 separate pump stations for greater efficiency. Also, electronic water meters will be installed at all homes to provide a more accurate record of usage, and this should promote greater conservation.

2. EAC Table at TASH (Tarrytown And Sleepy Hollow Farmer's Market) -

Bhavya reported that after May 28th, SHEAC will be able to set up a table at TASH on any of 2 Saturdays. We must notify Krista Barron to arrange the dates.

3. Education (about recycling, etc.) -

a. Whenever we set up an information table (at TASH, street fair, library, or any other event), we should add literature on invasives. Claire will try to order multiple copies of brochure and info sheets on invasives for us from NYNJ Trail Conference and/or NYS DEC.

b. Beverly was asked to again create her popular recycling display to use at the TASH along with the "recycling game" for children.

4. Village Clean-up/Riversweep -

As of May 1st, a "full house" of volunteers had signed up to help at the three EAC led locations: Douglas Park, Devries Park, and Route 9!!! Francois proposed that Route 9 volunteers arrange to meet at Peabody next year. (instead of Devries).

5. Complete Streets -

Claire reported that this is the first item on the BOT May 3rd Work Session Agenda. She said she would attend and address the Village Board. Bhavya said she would attend the BOT meeting also. Claire asked that any other EAC members who were available come to lend their support.

6. Update on Kendall trail from Birch Close -

Martin reported that the trail is on Kendall property and , therefore, privately owned. There is consensus that the trail is not properly maintained, and there is erosion by the stream. According to both Martin and Francois, there is a written agreement with the Village outlining responsibility by Kendall for trail implementation and maintenance. Francois is working on this issue as a volunteer resident who lives nearby the Sleepy Hollow Manor end of the trail.

7. June Meeting at Kendall -

Martin had previously requested that we consider holding one (or more) meetings at

Kendall to ensure that we reach out to those residents who have difficulty traveling to the inner village for meetings. It was agreed that we would hold our June 7th meeting at Kendall. Martin stated that he would handle the publicity, placing an announcement in the resident newsletter. It was decided that the EAC will set up an information table, and might alter the format of our meeting to a brief statement and more of a question and answer session depending on the number of Kendall residents in attendance.

8. Dave Avrin reported on his participation in the Pocantico River Watershed Committee stating that the NYS DEC is currently putting money into watershed culvert assessment as part of the Hudson Estuary Program.

9. NRI Update -

Dave Avrin again raised the importance of involving the Planning Board in the NRI development process to ensure the greatest use of the Inventory during the plan review and approval process by that board. Glenn Rosenbloom stated that he would talk to Lisa Santo, Planning Board chair to see if anyone on the Planning Board would be interested in working with Dave on this issue. He said he would also ask Lisa if she/the board would like Dave to make a presentation at one of their meetings.