

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2017

Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Dan Convisser, Claire Davis, Bhavya Reddy (Chair), Francois Rjeili, Martin Smolin

Guest: Anne White

CCA guests: Jenna Amundsen, Virginia Steinberg

The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm

1. Our guests from Westchester Power reviewed the topics discussed in December (under the heading of Community Choice Aggregation in the previous minutes). There are now 20 Westchester communities enrolled with 91,000 customers in the program. There are no entrance or termination fees for customers. The "green" rate is very competitive and is currently fixed at 2.018 of ???

The handout brochure provided by Westchester Power was discussed and the suggestion was made to simplify the rate chart which we felt was too complicated and ambiguous. It was suggested that a graph rather than a chart be used. Francois felt that the brochure should focus on the environmental advantages of CCA rather than the economic advantages because most people wouldn't be very concerned about the small amount extra which the "green" rate would command. This argument was not accepted by others in the committee.

Bhavya will present the SHEAC report outlining our 2016 accomplishments and our goals for 2017 to the BOT. A second BOT presentation will be the committee's recommendation for the village to join the CCA after allowing a period of 3-6 months for community outreach to educate the community. Following Bhavya's CCA recommendation, which was to be in February, the CCA reps would do their (hopefully improved) presentation. SHEAC members were urged to attend the BOT meeting on February (date to be determined) to support her. Should Sleepy Hollow join, we would not be part of the existing contract and rate. A new contract with the then current rate would be applicable.

2. 2016 Review:

Public events/outreach:

3rd annual Riverkeeper Sweep

Eco-fair with TEAC: Our table included:

petition for a sidewalk in front of SH high school and middle school
activities relating to the 3 R's (recycling game, plastic bag survey, guides to reuse/recycling).

With TEAC, we also had a "Leave a tote, take a tote" table for people to donate any extra reusable bags that they had in their homes or take a reusable bag if they needed one.

TaSH (Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Farmers' Market) table

Meeting at Kendal

Resolutions:

Passed Complete Streets

Passed resolution supporting Westchester County-wide plastic bag and styrofoam containers ban

Issues members are working on:
Natural Resources Inventory
Route 9 study
Scenic Hudson Trails Committee

Letters: In response to East Parcel development, in support of Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan

Other: East Parcel

Held meeting at Kendal

Claire is now on Scenic Hudson Trails Committee

3. Goals/ Priorities for 2017

Passage of Community Choice Aggregation

Installation of public recycling bins

Implementing Complete Streets (with special focus on sidewalk in front of schools)

4. It was suggested that we request the BOT to keep us informed about developments on the following:

Trees on Beekman Avenue,

LED lights,

trash collection changes,

waterfront revitalization,

East Parcel scope/developments,

traffic calming measures (i.e.: speed limit reduction)

other traffic and street issues

5. Various

Martin arranged for our March 6th meeting to be held at Kendal

Claire will meet with Anthony regarding ????

The walking audit of local streets will take place on June 10; rain date June 11. A subcommittee consisting of Claire and Dan was appointed to work out details.

6. Next Meeting: February 6th at 7:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

-Martin Smolin