

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2017

Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Dan Convisor, Claire Davis, Beverly Jansen, Bhavya Reddy (Chair), Francois Rjeili, Glenn Rosenbloom, Martin Smolin

The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm.

1. Bhavya will present a SHEAC report outlining our 2016 accomplishments and our goals for 2017 to the BOT on Feb 21st at 7pm. She will also present 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.

2. Complete Streets Update: Claire suggested including the walking audit as a part of any future complete streets update (accepted by the group).

Claire will schedule a meeting with the Board of Education Superintendent about Broadway sidewalks after she gathers information about how students currently cross Route 9 on school days.

Dan reported on the status of the Route 9 pedestrian/cyclist improvement study (Hastings-on-Hudson through Sleepy Hollow). A consultant has been engaged to conduct the study.

3. Recycling Bins: Bhavya will meet with Richie Gross and Anthony Giaccio next week (date TBD) to discuss the Committee's suggestions for recycling bins in the village. Anthony suggested to Bhavya that new recycling bins be phased in starting with streets that have been or are scheduled for upgrade.

4. March 6th Committee Meeting at Kendall: Meeting will take place at 7:30p in the "Private Dining Room". (Meeting location has been changed back to Village Hall on same date and time)

Agenda for the meeting was discussed:

- Introduction by Bhavya
- 2016 SHEAC accomplishments by Martin
- 2017 SHEAC goals by Claire
- Opportunities for community involvement by Francois
- Survey of community needs by Susan

5. Smart Water Meters: Discussion of pros and cons of new village smart water meter program. A few community residents have voiced concerns about health and safety issues possibly associated with the new meters. They are asking for the opportunity to opt out of the new program.

Per Glenn, the Village is aware of this concern and is looking into this opt out issue. No final village decision has been made.

6. Repurposing Unneeded Plastic Trash Cans: The village will shortly be piloting a new residential trash collection program that will require the use of new specialized containers. Apparently, the old containers cannot be recycled through the existing plastic recycling program.

The village is seeking a "green" approach to dealing with what will likely become many unwanted containers. They would like to find a way to repurpose old containers and have SHEAC for assistance and suggestions.

SHEAC agrees that this is an important issue and will participate in finding a good solution. Bhavya will solicit ideas from TEAC. It was suggested that repurposing/recycling information be distributed to residents along with information about the new trash collection program. It was also suggested that the village DPW consider stockpiling unused containers for future free public distribution (including other communities) on an as needed basis.

7. Plastic Bags: The Committee discussed the current county and state status of bills concerning a disposable plastic bag ban/fee. The village has stated its publicly support of a Westchester bill concerning reducing the environmental impacts of disposable plastic bags. SHEAC committee members see little value in directing energy towards a Sleepy Hollow ban/fee program. Almost all of the bags come from vendors outside of our community.

8. Riverkeeper Sweep May 6th: SHEAC will again support and manage the village participation in the Sweep at Devries Park (Claire and Dave) and Douglas Park (Dan). Martin will consider engaging folks at Kendall in some manner.

Registration for sites is due to Riverkeeper by March 5th. Site leaders should register their site.

9. East Parcel: Francois provided an update of the SH Riverfront Advisory Committee's review of the DEIS. The DEIS has evolved since its initial release. The Advisory Committee was tasked only to review the initial document. The Advisory Committee reported on some inconsistencies in the DEIS with the current LWRP, but nothing major.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

- Dave Avrin