

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, May 01, 2017

Location: Village Hall

Attendees: Bhavya, Claire, Dan, Martin, Beverly, Francois and Anne White (guest).

Absent: Dave

Meeting Chair: Bhavya

Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm

Approval of Minutes for April were approved electronically.

#### Transition Plan

Bhavya announced her resignation from the committee to pursue future endeavors. The Committee wished her farewell and good luck by sharing some drinks and goodies. A motion by Dan seconded by Beverly to nominate Claire and Dave to co chair the committee, passed unanimously. They will both undergo one month of training for the transition. Suggestions were made to appoint someone for the vacant seat to replace Bhavya, preferably one that can serve as a liaison between SHEAC and TEAC. Bhavya recommended that we encourage diversity when looking for a replacement for her on the EAC. There was general agreement that we should make every effort to find someone from the Latino community if possible. Dan suggested we reach out to Rochelle Gebler, Village Trustee, for recommendation. Dan also volunteered to help with the search.

#### Clean-up

A reminder email will be sent to all site leaders and to Anthony Giaccio to bring needed supplies.

#### Walking Audit

June 10th is the date for the village Walkability and Tour starting Village Hall, Valley Street, College Ave, Cortland back to Beekman. A save a date and official invite will be sent to the dignitaries and all village bodies (Mayor, Trustees, Village Administrator, etc..)

#### LED Lights

Anne White, also a Beekman Bridge Committee member, talked about creating a consistent look / treatment for the bridge to establish continuity and/or to replicate the look of the Headless Horseman Bridge.

As for the lights, there was consensus to endorse 4 of the 5 lighting standards recommended by the Dark Sky Association (IDA).

One of them discussed was the Marina Lights- the Dark Sky option with the black lens that only lights up the area that needs it, sheds lights only downward, and among other attributes, minimize blue lights emissions that is brighter than necessary. (An example picture was shown).

It was agreed that Claire would write up our recommendation and send it to the Bridge Committee Chair and to Peter Johnson (Edge on Hudson).

It was also suggested by Dan that Claire extends our recommendation to the Village BOT to cover any new village lighting (including East Parcel, Business District, and Village Parks)

Basically, the committee is looking for light fixtures that are environmentally sound, staying away from blue wave length.

#### Recycling Update

Recycling Bins were placed at different places on Beekman Avenue.

A concern was raised regarding the style of the new bins since they don't match the

existing trash bins.

An update on How and Where to recycle various things and create a brochure on this subject is needed.

Cleaning at Devries Park - Meeting With Melanie Dupuis

A meeting between Claire, Dave and Melanie Dupuis took place a few days ago. The group discussed the possibility of applying the already approved grant to help eradicate the invasive species along the Pocantico River. No conclusion was reached at this meeting and nothing was done as of yet, due to changes that took place in the administration. At this point, Melanie is talking to the DEC about how to best implement the grant, but the DEC is interested in looking at a broader scope approach.

Other Bussiness

Trail Committee - Claire

Claire Joined the Trail Committee with Tarrytown, met ounce, however, nothing to report at this moment. Hopefully there will be more reporting to follow.

Meeting Time Change

The meeting time for the next meeting and onward has changed to 7:00 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.