

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2017

Attendance: Dave Avrin, Claire Davis, Daniel Convisser
Guests: Glen Rosenbloom (trustee), Nana Welch

Walkability Workshop:

* Claire and Dan met twice to analyze the data. They wrote up the main issues and will work on finalizing a report for the next meeting. Dan obtained crash statistics for the last 30 years and will incorporate the last 5-10 years in the report. Claire and Dan will meet with Glen prior to presenting the report to the BOT (goal is November presentation).

CCA:

* Shelved until next meeting (Claire)

Rte 9/Pocantico/Pierson:

* Dan presented two versions of DOT proposals improved upon by SHEAC, those present agreed that the proposal easiest to implement would be the placement of bollards or a median at Pierson/Bellwood to slow traffic as it turns into Philipse Manor.

* Dan will talk with Anthony Giaccio and Trustee Scaglione to discuss the potential changes and may attend a BOT work session. There will be a meeting October 19th at the Library and October 15 at Mercy College, for the Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan. The study group is seeking feedback on the preliminary proposals for improving walking and biking conditions on Route 9. Recycling Bins and posting of Regulations:

* Claire talked with Anthony Giaccio who said that he and the DPW viewed the current placement of the recycling bins as a pilot study before rolling out bins to all of the parks and the rest of the inner village. Discussion on how placement of the bins could be improved; there may be funding in the capital budget for proper recycling containers to be put in all of the parks and some village streets.

* Dan met with Anthony Giaccio, Trustee Spiro, Richard Gross, and Paula McCarthy to help improve how the village communicates recycling information. Anthony agreed that the County's recycling bin labels (flyers) should be included in the Village's mailing about changes in bulk pickup rules. Anthony and Dan agreed that the sanitation rules should be shown as one page on the Village's website and that the recycling information should link to the County's recycling information. Dan also wrote an article for the Village newsletter with tips about the tricky parts of the recycling rules.

* Flyers will be made available at the SHEAC tables in October at the Eco-Fair and Beekman Street Fair.

Invasive Plants:

* Dave has collected the information from Mt. Pleasant regarding invasive plants and sent out the list. Claire discussed with Anthony Giaccio the best way to publicize the information i.e. putting it on the village website and SHEAC website. Some villages have policies in place regarding planting of invasive species, but first one has to educate the public.

* Flyers with information about invasive plants will be made available at the SHEAC tables in October at the Eco-Fair and Beekman Street Fair.

Fremont Pond:

* Dave spoke with Anthony Giacco. who indicated that the SHEAC should be more involved with coming up with a plan to deal with the issues at Fremont Pond. Glen suggested forming the "Friends of Fremont Pond" to foster stakeholder buy-in, as the immediate residents of the pond will be the most integral in the future health of the pond. Invited attendees should include members of SHEAC, BOT, SMIA, the consultants who did the study as well as members of the community.

* Dave will be going to a Soil and Water Conservation workshop in December where the topic will be "problem ponds" - he will give more information on that when it is available.

Joint Trails:

* They haven't met again since the August EAC meeting and will be meeting September 20th (Claire)

Eco Fair is October 7th & Beekman Street Fair is October 14th

* Surveys for people to rank importance of current issues SHEAC is working on along with suggesting new projects

* Flyers regarding recycling & invasive species will be made available

* Availability - everyone needs to check their calendars regarding which fair they can attend

Next meeting is October 4th at Kendal - a list of current issues the group is working on will be presented along with a brief update of each issue. This was postponed.

Next meeting is October 2nd on the second floor of Village Hall.