

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2017

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Claire Davis, Daniel Convisser, Nana Welch and François Rjeili  
Absent: Beverly Jansen  
Guests: Tracy Brown, Karen Killeen

Meeting started: 7pm at Village Hall

Approval of Minutes:  
Minutes were approved electronically

June 10th Walkability Workshop Update - Claire:  
Claire and Dan met twice to analyze the data. Heard feedback from 12 out of 16 peoples. They covered the main issues and will work on finalizing and submitting a report with in the next 2 to 3 weeks or before Thanksgiving at the latest. Claire and Dan will both have to review the report prior to presenting it to the Board Of Trustees (BOT), hopefully at the November meeting.

CCA Updates - Claire:  
Tabled until next meeting.  
Claire Explained what the CCA is to the guests present.  
Claire intends to meet with the CCA group to obtain more info to present to the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Rte 9/Pocantico/Pierson - Dan:  
Dan will be talking to the Route 9 Study Group - process progressing nicely.  
Dan mentioned that there will be an outreach meeting, on October 19th at the Warner Library in town and October 15 at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, for members of the community to learn and get involved in the Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan. The study group is looking for feedback on the proposals for improving walking and biking conditions on Route 9.

Recycling Update - Additional Bins and posting of Regulations - Claire and Dan:

Anthony Giaccio told Claire that the pilot program is working well and the village intends to roll out recycling bins, for glass and plastic, to all of the parks and the rest of the inner village. In addition, the administrator included a line item in the capital budget to expand the program through out the entire village.

Anthony and Dan agreed that the sanitation rules should be shown as one page on the Village's web site 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, which was not published yet due to an oversight.

Village hasn't sent out the sanitation information (which will include the recycling flyers) yet.

The outdated recycling information has been removed from the Village website, and was replaced by a link to the County's recycling web page. Unfortunately, there are better pages that should have been chosen.

(FYI, the link is pointing to  
<http://environment.westchestergov.com/recycling>  
but would be better going to  
<http://environment.westchestergov.com/curbside-recycling>)

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

Invasive Plants - Claire and Dave:

Claire will follow up on the list of invasive species which Dave has collected from Mt. Pleasant. Claire sent Anthony Giacco a link to a pamphlet to list on the village web site. She also re-emphasized the point that some villages have policies in place regarding planting of invasive species, but one has to educate the public first.

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

Fremont Pond Update - Dave and François:

A study was conducted on the Fremont Pond by consultants of the LRC Group hired by the village. The study was emailed to all for review. The committee suggested the village schedules a public meeting to have the consultants explain their findings and answer some questions.

Dave and Claire attended a BOT meeting that suggested forming the "Friends of Fremont Pond" or create a task force that works on improving the pond's conditions, composed of immediate residents of the pond, members of SHEAC, BOT, SHMA, the consultants who did the study as well as members of the community.

François mentioned that the SHMA, in collaboration with the village, is in the process of implementing a 3 phase landscaping and beautifying project on the west side of the pond by Riverside Drive.

Tracy mentioned it will be important that a "Biology Report" be produced before any physical changes to the pond (like lowering the level over the winter, etc).

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 Committee - Claire:

Meeting of September 20th was postponed.

Meeting at Kendall:

. Meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled in the future on a day other than Monday.

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

Enviro Fair 8:30 am to 2 pm Patriot park.

Beekman Street Fair 10 am to 5 pm.

Flyers regarding recycling & invasive species will be made available.

Availability:

Enviro Fair- Claire 8:30 to 12:30; Dave and Nana 12 to 2 pm.

Beekman Fair - Claire 10 to 5pm; Dave and others will stop by though out the day.

Other Business:

The next meeting for the Pocantico River Alliance is on Thursday October 26, 2017 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Senior Center.

Speakers: Nick Robinson and Mike Rubbo

Next meeting is Monday November 6th at 7pm on the second floor of Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10pm

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