

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2017

Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

Attendance: Dave Avrin (Co-chair), Dan Convissor, Claire Davis (Co-chair), Francois Rjeili, Glenn Rosenbloom (BOT Liaison), Nana Welch
Guests: Melissa Howard, Sarah Smiley, Melanie Dupuis

Meeting opened at 7:07 by Claire Davis

November minutes approved electronically

1. June 10th Walkability Workshop - no update

2. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Claire updated committee on current information recently received from Westchester Power (WP). WP is in the process of renegotiating their contract with ConEd. There remains a very short window of opportunity for the Village to request to be a party to the new contract.

Claire will work with Melissa H. (and possibly Glenn and Sarah S.) to develop a presentation to the BOT. The presentation will serve to answer the trustee's remaining questions about the program, and to highlight the benefits of the program for the village and the larger community.

3. Rte 9 Bike Trail Planning Update

Dan reported that an online survey of the community's preferences for the bike trail ends on December 5th. He urged all SHEAC members to participate.

The final consultant recommendations for the bike trail is due to be released in the spring.

4. Public recycling bin update

Claire met with Anthony G. and Richie G. to discuss style and wording on new village public trash and recycling containers. It was agreed that in future village purchases of blue (recycling) containers would be clearly labeled and state that they should be used to deposit cans and bottles only. Brown general trash containers would also be labeled.

Dave sent all parties a picture of the recommended containers and a possible vendor.

Glenn volunteered to follow up with Richie G. to ensure he had all the needed information to move forward with the purchase.

5. Fremont Pond

Anthony G. and Glenn convened a Fremont Pond stakeholders meeting on November 29th. Dave and Francois attended represented SHEAC. Other stakeholder groups in attendance included: Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Board of Education, Sleepy Hollow Manor Assn. and homeowners bordering Fremont Pond.

The consultant that drafted the most recent pond management recommendations report was present to discuss the report and to answer questions.

The group discussed history and frustrations with past efforts to improve the health and aesthetics of the pond. Going forward, a list of critical management issues and data gaps were identified.

A pond and lake management workshop will be held on December 7th in White Plains. This workshop is being hosted by the Westchester Soil and Water Conservation District. A number of Sleepy Hollow residents are expected to attend.

The next meeting of the Fremont Pond stakeholders meeting is expected to take place in January.

6. 3M Reflective Strips

Nana updated the group about the status of the project. The village has received 500 reflective strip samples from 3M. When worn properly, the strips make users (children, joggers, etc.) much more visible to drivers during low light conditions. They were handed out to residents during the recent tree lighting in Patriots Park. They will also be handed out on 12/8 (Cookies with Santa) and 12/9 (Lighthouse Holiday Lighting).

7. Joint Trails Committee

A committee meeting was held that was not well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3rd.

Claire and/or Dan - Please provide info, I didn't get good notes on this.

8. Report on Tabulation of Issues Ranking (from tabling events)

Claire briefly discussed the results of the small survey. She will put info into a chart for discussion during the February meeting.

9. T-shirt Update

Claire received a quote (\$288) from a local vender for design and production of 24 SHEAC shirts. Glenn will discuss with Anthony the possibility of funding by the Village.

10. Sustainable Lawn Care Initiative

Dave reported that the Pocantico River Watershed Alliance will most likely be hosting a workshop on this topic in the late winter/early spring. This is also a topic under consideration in the Fremont Pond management discussion.

11. Pocantico/Pierson Update

Dan will send out redesign suggestions to the committee members. We would like to send SHEAC support for the design before our February meeting. This will require that review take place electronically.

12. New Business

Melanie Dupuis introduced herself to the group. She is interested in becoming a SHEAC board member and will send a CV shortly.

The next EAC meeting will be on Monday February 5th at 7pm. Guests are welcome!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.

Minutes by Dave Avrin