

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2018

Attendees: Dave Avrin (Co-chair), Dan Convisser. Claire Davis (Co-chair), Beverly Jansen, Francois Rjeili, Melanie Dupuis, Glenn Rosenbloom (BOT Liaison)
Absent: Nana Welch - busy having a baby :)

Dave Avrin opened meeting at 7:10pm

1. Pocantico / Pierson/ Broadway Redesign

Dan Convisser made a Power Point presentation with the two intersections redesigned as per previous SHEAC comments. The design was also revised to accommodate a dedicated bike lane (not included in the previous version) as per the Route 9 Active Transportation Study. A lengthy discussion was held during which concerns were raised as to whether the bike lane would ultimately be approved as shown. There was general consensus that there is a need to slow down traffic and put safety first. However, no agreement was reached on the specifics of the design proposal. Glenn was asked whether there was a need to give immediate feedback to the trustees, and he said there was no urgent need to respond this month. Dan was asked if he could present two design options at the March EAC meeting: one with a dedicated bike lane and one without. The goal is to give recommendations in April.

2. Recycling Bins

Claire had discussion with the new Village DPW Superintendent, Wayne Ballard, and at his request, sent him an email outlining SHEAC's concerns about the current bin labeling. Mr. Ballard replied that new decals are on order to mark the blue bins "Glass, Plastic, Metal Only" and Trash Only on the black trashcans.

3. Complete Streets /Walkability Workshop Report

Claire and Dan are finishing up the report. Nana will assist Claire in preparing a Power Point and Dan will make drawings to illustrate proposed key intersection improvements. Claire indicated that she would like to have a presentation ready for the Board of Trustees in late February or early March.

4. SHEAC'S 2018 Priorities

The status of last year's 3 priorities were reviewed, and a list was made of suggestions for the coming year that include Adoption of CCA (continued from last year), Complete Streets - implementation of Walkability Workshop recommendations, Establishment of a Village Composting facility, and Sustainable Watershed Management (including, but not limited to, Fremont Pond). It was agreed that everyone would review this list and come prepared to adopt two or three priority issues for the coming year.

5. CCA Update

Claire reported that on January 30th the Village BOT adopted a resolution indicating its intent to contract with Westchester Power. The Mayor has indicated that the Village will continue moving forward on this issue and will keep SHEAC in the loop as to next steps.

6. Rte. 9 Active Transportation Study update

Dan reported that the Steering Committee and its consultants were in the process of analyzing survey results in preparation of a final report to be made in the Spring,

7. Fremont Pond Stakeholders Committee

Dave reported that there are 8 members on the committee. At a meeting held on January 31st, Jessica Fox was selected as Chair and will become an ad hoc SHEAC member, Dave Avrin is vice-chair, and Anthony Giaccio is secretary. Discussion was held about Watershed management.

8. Joint Trails Committee update

Claire reported that there was a meeting on January 3rd. Discussion centered mainly on grant for improvements to Old Croton Aqueduct Trail that will include new identifying markers, signage, and crosswalks. Next meeting February 21st will discuss bike lanes in Sleepy Hollow.

9. T-shirt update

The Village has declined our request to buy the t-shirts saying they would have to offer the same to all other committees and can't justify the expense. Instead, Francois's company, Cedar Foods, will sponsor new tees and the company logo will be added to the T-shirt design. Claire will talk to Sign Extreme once more to ensure that we get the lowest possible price. Francois will forward a photo of his company logo to Claire.

10. Sustainable Lawn Care Initiative

Dave passed around a new pamphlet "Look for Zero" and volunteered to obtain a large number of copies for us to distribute at tabling events and to display at the Warner Library SHEAC table. He also announced that the Pocantico River Watershed Alliance will hold a workshop on this topic at the Historic Hudson Valley Head Quarters in the third week of April. Dave will inform us of the exact date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TEAC EARTH DAY Saturday April 29th -

TEAC presented us with a detailed list of activities that they have planned for that day at various sites in Tarrytown. They have asked if SHEAC would like to join them and/or sponsor our own event that day with the idea that we would cross-promote each other's activities. Dave proposed that we do something at the Peabody Preserve. At Dan's suggestion, Dave will contact Erin Carney who is coordinating Friends of Peabody events on the 21st to see if we can hold a joint activity with them.

2. Riverkeeper Sweep Saturday May 5th -We will again participate at Douglas Park (Dan will lead) and Devries Park (Dave and Claire will lead). Updates will follow as Sweep date gets closer.

Next meeting is March 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm