

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, July 2, 2018

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Dan Convissor, Francois Rjeili, Melanie Dupuis, Nana Welch
Absent: Claire Davis, Beverly Jansen

Commenced 7:14pm

1. CCA Update (Claire, via Dave) - Village submitted a certified copy of the establishing legislation to Westchester Power. They will move forward once they get approval from the Public Service Commission. It could happen in the next 3 months.
2. Walkability (Claire, via Dave and Dan) - Committee met June 14th with Wayne Ballard and Richard Gross to discuss pilot sites and which was best to implement suggestions. It was decided Pocantico/Beekman would be the easiest location at this time and the Lawrence/Beekman Ave intersection was put on hold. However, Mayor Ken Wray put the project on hold; Dan and Clair to discuss with the Mayor and clarify open questions.
3. Climate Smart Community (Claire, via Dave and Nana) - Claire has access. Nana to get access. Nana gave a brief summary of the May 10th Webinar which can be publicly accessed online via the CSC website.
4. Watershed Protection updates (Dave) - June 27th was the Watershed meeting. Dave will circulate the minutes. The Fremont Pond committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Jessica Fox is the Chair of the committee and she has started a petition that she presented to the BOT regarding lawn care practices of the village and Phelps's Hospital. Trustee Glenn Rosenbloom is very active in this project. Dave will reach out to the Cemetery (and Kendall?) regarding their lawn care practices. The Board of Education (Peabody Preserve) is already in compliance with the eco-friendly techniques.
 - a. The village is looking into a grant opportunity to get funding for projects that are external to the pond i.e. preserving the pond by cleaning the areas external to the water. Working on drainage ditches and plantings. Improvement to the spillways will ultimately improve the quality of the pond.
 - b. There will be a kiosk at the pond to provide information about the pond/project.
 - c. It was proposed that the village sponsor a seminar to talk about sustainability in the village.
5. Route 9 projects (Dan) - presented to BOT, 10 people went to the work session to see the presentation. The Route 9 study is close to being finalized; they are working on schematics of the intersections.
6. Composting (Melanie) - went to ask Hilltop Hanover (the county composting center) if they will take food scraps. There is a system/process in place there; they don't want scraps from the farmer's market (not enough volume for their process). They suggested using a private entity.
 - a. Scarsdale and New Castle have their scraps collected curbside and brought to the Greenburgh Nature Center. Irvington has tubs at the farmer's market (they provide tubs to people interested in composting).
 - b. Melanie talked with the private group Recultivate. They are not interested in taking scraps from the farmer's market. They only work with municipal haulers.
 - c. Melanie will reach out to Greenburgh Nature Center
7. Village Comprehensive Plan - Dan attended the second meeting. The consultant BFJ will have more public meetings in the fall. The website Sleepy Hollow Connected has a lot of information. Dave represents SHEAC on the Steering committee.
8. Joint Trails - (Dan attended) Claire was unable to attend. Anthony Giaccio, Drew

Fixell, Richard Slingerland, and others attended. Trails Committee is looking to study Edge-on-Hudson access to both train stations and expanding the shuttle bus service. The OCA in Tarrytown received a \$300,000 grant for trail improvements from the New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program.

New Business - Invasive Species Awareness Week - July 8-14: TEAC was looking for cooperation to stage an event that week.

New Business (Francois) - NYS awarded some of the the villages that border the Hudson River in Westchester a total of a million dollars to improve on waterfront related activities and/or attractions. Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, combined, were awarded the lion's share of \$750,000 dollars to be shared equally. The article was not specific to what water related activities really meant. The committee intended to ask Anthony Giaccio to shed more light on this subject and to elaborate more on how this money will be spent.

NO AUGUST MEETING. NEXT MEETING IS 7pm WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5th.

Adjourned 8:35pm