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

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Claire Davis, Dan Convissor. E Melanie Dupuis, Glenn

Rosenbloom, Nana Welch

Guests: Karen Vastola. Sarah Smiley and Charles Zekus

Meeting convened at 7:15.

CCA UPDATE: Claire Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mayor Wray. It will be placed in a queue with others, and Westchester Power will begin negotiations for a new contract to begin January1. 2019 that once signed will include Sleepy Hollow. CCA will result in a reduction of carbon output and result in a small savings from Westchester Power.

WALKABILITY REPORT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: Claire & Dan No progress has been made on implementation to date. Claire will attend next board meeting. Glen will try to clear up the situation.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY STATUS: Nana & Claire Nana listed several projects that are on the list for points: LED lights, recycling in town and government, Complete Streets, CCA, and TaSH. Proof and documentation of projects is required for upload to the CCA website. Requests will be sent to Anthony and Rachel Tieger (TaSH) for specific documents. Nana is collecting documentation for upload.. Melanie said she could provide SHEAC a graduate student that will start in January to help organize the process. Melanie recommended that CSC gather as much proof as we can to facilitate the process for when the graduate student starts. 120pt is needed for Bronze Status. Grant Steering Committee should be set up for the Comprehensive Citizen Group.

WATERSHED PROTECTION UPDATES FREMONT POND & SUSTAINABLE LAWNCARE: Dave reported on the July meeting. Communications was stressed. Kiosks for information and importance of signage on storm drains. Village has stencils for storm drains. There will be a workshop in fall. "What to Put on Lawns" will be discussed. Flyers were distributed for Public Work 3 on October 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm at The James F. Galgano Senior Center. SHEAC should be in attendance. Dave reported that the Tarrytown Lakes used a machine to remove vegetation. Lakes are much clearer. Could be used in Fremont's Pond. Other areas to be checked are village leakage from sewers and to test water from inputs.

ROUTE 9 PROJECTS UPDATE - POCANTICO/PIERSON/OLD BROADWAY & RTE 9 ACTIVE RAMP: Dave Final Plan was prepared and the quirks are being worked on and plan will be ready by the end of September. Meeting of all Mayors, Trustee , etc. of all villages will be held in the future. It will be opened to the Public.

UPDATE ON COMPOSTING COLLECTION: Melanie Program is moving fast. Greenburg Nature Center is the central drop off for food composting. A new site is now in Ulster County. Scarsdale got a grant for in town drop off bins. (Through CSC status) Discussion was held to speak with Rachel of TASH about establishing a food collecting program agreement with Sleepy Hollow.

VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - Claire & Dan There was a meeting in July of the Environmental Focus Group. Ideas of on what Out Groups were doing. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) is putting together information that exists. Habitat Assessment (Mike is a resource.) and Climate Smart Committee (CSC) will talk to each other.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH SH STREET FAIR PLANS FOR TABLE. A table will be set up featuring September 10th Survey, Results of the October2nd workshop and Lawn Care.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

GRANT SUPPORT FOR FREMONT POND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Dave wrote a letter of support from SHEAC for this project. Dave will send a copy of this request to committee members.

HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANT FOR POCANTICO: Concern was expressed that SHEAC was not advised about this grant application prior to its submittal.

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES: Nana gave a handout showing "How are CSC& CEC RELATED?" Earn points towards CSC Certification by doing CEC actions. Do both

NEW PLANNING BOARD: Glen announced that Gordon is the new chair. SHEA should introduce themselves with the new planning board in able to work better together with them.

COMMUNITY GRANT/ NYS POLLUTION PREVENTION INSTITUTE Suggestions were discussed and it was agreed that the Village should apply to this program for \$ for catch basin medallions to address storm water drain pollution. Claire will advise Fiona and Anthony.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20