

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2018

Attendees: Claire Davis, Melanie Dupuis, Francois Rjeili, Dan Convisor, Beverly Jansen, Glenn Rosenbloom (Trustee)  
Guests: Chuck Zekus

Started 7:05 pm

Minutes

Claire: Minutes from last meeting approved electronically

Melanie: Has a correction for the September minutes:

People can not bring food scraps to the Greenburgh Nature Center

Walkability Workshop Implementation

Claire: Working on demonstration project at Beekman/Pocantico intersection

Resolved issue w/ mayor

Went out on thursday 9/20/18

Chief Buetti, Wayne Ballard, Richard Gross, Claire Davis, Daniel Convisor

DPW brought cones, enough to lay out one section at a time and take pictures

Uses one parking space between crosswalks, one straddling stop bar

Wayne has had complaints about stop sign being blocked

Glenn: somewhat in conflict with requirements for Edge-on-Hudson (EOH)

Board approved waiting to implement the EOH changes until truly needed

Claire: We're going to bring it to trustees on 10/9 possibly

Anthony hasn't gotten back to her if that date is good

Climate Smart Communities

Francois: reading Nana's email indicates everything from last time is pending

Watershed Protection

Claire: grant application in email from Dave re Freemont Pond

Re grant for pollution avoidance, Fiona will take us up on our suggestion

for catch basin medallions ("Drains to River / No Dumping")

received Board authorization to submit the application

Claire wrote letter of support from SHEAC

Dave wrote letter from Freemont Pond Committee

Should be bilingual

Some catch basin tops already have "drains to river" wording cast into them

Example at Pocantico & Howard, but not very visible

Wayne got estimates for medallions

Answer on grant application should arrive by 10/30

Claire will forward the application to the Committee

Claire: Pocantico River Watershed Alliance had meeting

Attended by Melanie and Beverly

Melanie: Jennifer Epstien talked about water quality data collection

Interesting map of septic tanks in watershed

From data of companies doing the emptying, so not all tanks

Pocantico goes through a lot of green space,

but still has high fecal bacteria pollution

Chuck: a lot of development around Pocantico Lake

Francois: notices fecal smell on river by pocantico church when raining

Glenn: what's takeaway?

Melanie: it's a mystery as to what the source is

Glenn: what's the plan?

Melanie: that's what the alliance is working on

Glenn: would be a good idea to get a master list of grant applications

Melanie: Pace is gathering information of what people are doing re Pocantico

Folks have noticed lack of communication between environmental advisory groups

Mike Finewood's grant is possibly looking into creating such

Route 9

Dan: consultants close to finalizing report

Clarie: any updates on DOT pierson/pocantico?

Glenn: no update since last month

Composting

Melanie: Greenburgh Nature Center is not place to bring food scraps

they're coordinating system for food waste development

haven't talked to Tarrytown, nor has Claire

Claire will talk with Tarrytown, learn details and report back

Melanie: prefer to have dropoffs at municipal level, easier 24/7/365 access

Glenn: what's level of interest from residents?

need to figure out to know how to approach

Melanie: Irvington going gangbusters, per her student's report

updating us on what she heard

misunderstood that Claire would take lead

not taking this on as part of SHEAC

happy to share information that she gets

interest is in municipalities getting wet stuff out of waste stream

doesn't burn well, 1/3 of trash, lower tipping fees

Glenn: something county should embrace

each municipality at a time doesn't make sense

Melanie: that's what Greenburgh Nature Center is doing

are 2 private orgs: Recultivate (near regeneration) and another group in november

SHEAC survey found lots of interest

Claire: even though not a pre-listed option on survey, came in #3

Melanie: scarpsdale curbside, greenburgh dropoff, bedford 2020 going curbside

Francois: garbage pickup being looked at once / week

Comprehensive Plan

Claire: comp plan meeting tomorrow night, 7pm senior center

Street Fair

Claire: street fair sign up sheet / survey

Glenn: freemont pond having meeting about "best practices" for lawn care

Dan: if know of meeting date before street fair, let us know, can publicize

Glenn: suggested survey wording be "environmentally friendly lawn care"

Discussion agreed on "Environmentally sound lawn care practices"

Beverly: sign from Bedford 2020: sign publicize "Healthy Yard"

Glenn: Tarrytown village hall had good posters

to stop washing cars in driveways

Chuck: car washes recycle water

Clarie: street fair, help:

Dave should help w/ setup takedown

Melanie can come around 3 - 5

See if nana can come in morning

Francois away

## New Business

### Storm Surge Barriers

Claire: hudson river storm surge barriers

Jen Benson gave presentation at League of Women Voters

major proposed barriers

Dan: federal construction, local maintenance

Claire: would affect migration of fish

could create flooding around them

SHEAC sent comments, because period was about to close

Dan: scoping process, narrowing down to 2 options, seeking public input

Clarie: deadline subsequently extended to November 5

Public input meetings poorly advertised

Another meeting on wednesday, County Center, afternoon & evening

She put together a draft resolution for the Village to consider

Will send copy of draft to us tonight

Used Riverkeeper's text, shortened, cut out odd stuff

Many municipalities have passed resolutions

### Board Presentation

Claire: Anthony asked us for presentation / update to Trustees

Dave will be back by then

Glenn: make sure not to use a lot of time

Claire: yes, can be short, Ken said not to bombard with esoteric facts

### Edge-on-Hudson Pocantico & Broadway Turn Lanes

Claire: Anthony sent report from Provident reviewing EOH traffic changes

Glenn: already decided

Claire: last bullet point says no changes, monitor

Glenn: yes, and new striping

reason came up is due to special permit, needed to do these remedies

before getting Certificate of Occupancies

asked Village to accept bond in escrow to do improvements

makes sense for them and us

Claire: didn't come to us, learned from Glenn. know what new striping is?

Glenn: no idea

Dan: striping left turn in open space on Broadway in front of Tornello's

Claire: no conflict with our work at this time

Glenn: board likely to challenge demonstration project

Claire: don't need resolutions for temporary changes to parking

Chief Buetti said it's ok to do

Melanie: what are the Broadway sidewalk improvements mentioned in the memo?

Glenn: should ask Anthony

Claire: will see what to put on agenda

Glenn: be concise, prioritize

if trustee feels something is priority, elevates

### Hudson Estuary Grant

Claire: hudson estuary trees for tribs DEC grant program

trees on a stream

maybe for Freemont Pond

priority to streams/rivers, less to ponds

Melanie: been in place for a long time

Clare: can get on DEC mailing list

Glenn: we have a grant writer, under hourly contract, brings to board's attention

Appointments

Claire: four of our positions up for reappointment

claire, dave, melanie, nana

spoke to Ken about it, will put it through

Next meeting: Monday, November 5

Adjourned 8:45 pm