

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2019

2nd floor of Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

Attendees: Claire Davis, Dave Avrin, Francois Rjeili, Nana Welch, Jessica Fox, Beverly Jansen, Dan Convisor

7:23pm meeting commenced

August 5th meeting minutes electronically approved

1. Watershed Protection Updates -

a. Village pesticide policy & Healthy Yards Campaign report - Dave & Jessica  
Dave: Followed up with Trustee Rosenbloom about what he thought regarding the Healthy Yards Resolution for the Village - that the Village would refrain from using pesticides on Village property. Forwarded draft of Resolution to the BOT in May and has not received any response thus far only received one response - from Trustee Gebbler. Told Trustee Rosenbloom that SHEAC should be involved with coordinate with the Open Space Committee.

Jessica Fox: Trustee Rosenbloom expressed concern about areas around Edge on Hudson using pesticides. Jessica took pictures of areas showing use of herbicides/pesticides and synthetic fertilizer - showed to Lynn Moffat who said the issue would be resolved. She is working with Lynn Moffat and Marjorie Tsu who are on the Open Space Committee (and had requested Edge not use pesticides). Landscaper for Edge on Hudson is interested in sustainable landscaping and using native plants. There may not be another Healthy Yards Forum at this time as per Marjorie Hsu. It will be handled via the inter village meeting.

Spoke with previous mayor of Irvington who had passed resolution of no herbicide/synthetic fertilizers in Irvington. Will try and get a copy. Dave has looked at the Tarrytown code - requires all landscapers to be approved and to list amounts of pesticides and fertilizers used.

b. Update on invasive species grant award -

Claire: Fiona setting up a meeting to discuss details with SHEAC, Trilium, PACE, and HHV to discuss and monitor the project. Claire to follow-up.

c. More on provisions of GM Settlement grants if available - no update.

2. Food Scrap Collection Program Updates - Grant Status, Program implementation -  
Claire: Lina Tapia could not make it to tonight's meeting. Count at the end of July is 63 kits sold to SH residents. Village was awarded a grant for \$11,286 for SH food scraps recycling program specifically for SH. Claire was able to print fliers in both English and Spanish that she and Lina will want to put in store fronts. The grant would allow us to hire a graphic designer to do our own material (i.e. including the Village seal etc), newspaper ads, signage, reusable bags, lawn signs, etc. The grant requires a match of \$6,614. Dave Avrin made a motion to support moving ahead with grant implementation, Beverly Jansen seconded. All in favor.

3. Climate Smart Community Status Update (Task Force meeting to follow SHEAC mtg)-  
Claire - Task Force cannot meet without required to have Village representation, but meeting time following SHEAC meeting is difficult for Wayne. May have to change timing of meetings.

4. Walkability Report Implementation update -  
Claire: still no progress.

5. Comprehensive Plan Status Update -

Claire: Consultants were to have posted a redline version showing what the public comments to the plan were. Still not posted. Public hearing extended until October 1st for written comments. Some of the walkability diagrams included in the master plan, however some may not have been incorporated correctly. Claire to follow up with comments prior to October 1st. at the meeting on 9/10.

6. Tree City application renewal status -

Francois: Francois reached out to DEC representative regarding application. The site was closed for 2018 applications however it appears Wayne Ballard has gotten the application approved for 2018. They are accepting applications for 2019 as of September 2019.

Dave: worked with the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to get them arboretum status with ArbNet (National Arboretum Consortium). The cemetery agreed that they will do an arbor day event every year which will satisfy Tree City requirements. Need to coordinate with Village, so that we can combine efforts. Arbor Day is in April.

7. Tabling plan for Sept 21st SH Cultural Festival (also Oct 5th Eco-Fair, Oct 12th SH Street Fair) -

Beverly Jansen, Jessica Fox, and Dan Convisser will table with Claire. Sarah Smiley may be able to help. Lina Tapia may not be able to make it. Diana Loha Loja is the organizer of the event. Materials to include food scraps, CCA, complete streets. Cultural Festival is from 10-6, SHEAC will have a table at least until 3-4pm.

October 5th - Eco fair in Patriot's Park (8:30am-2:00pm) -

Beverly will administer the recycling game. Dave Avrin will also help. Jessica Fox will see if there are any high schoolers interested in helping to work the table for community/volunteer credit.

October 12th - Street Fair - Nana Welch and Claire will work the table.

New Business

1. Request from Fiona Matthew to consider DEC Recycling Grant program for planning, educational and promotional activities to increase public awareness of and participation in waste reduction and recycling.

Claire - Four grants being offered by DEC in relation to waste reduction, recycling, and hazardous waste. Tarrytown got funding from the municipal waste program - recycling coordination and education/outreach. Tarrytown set up a dial in program to set appointments for recycling of large waste also set up a smartphone app. Could apply for grant to do better outreach regarding recycling. Claire proposes that Fiona Matthews go back to the Village and have them take the lead on the grant vs. SHEAC taking the lead on the grant. The Village can take ownership of one of the ideas, and move forward with the grant. Claire will suggest to Fiona Matthews to reach out to DPW to apply for capital grant re: recycling containers.

2. September 10th Croton Climate Plan workshop at Croton Free Library -

Dave Avrin, Francois Rjeili, and Claire Davis will attend. The success of the Bedford 2020 program will be discussed.

3. September 26th - Community Resilience Building Workshop - 10:00am-3:30pm at the Tarrytown Senior Center. Endorsed by Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown and all other Rivertowns. The committee chairs have SHEAC has been invited to attend.

4. September 22nd - Intervillage Meeting -

Pollinator Pathways will be the topic. Focus is Healthy Yards, will have a Landscapers Forum in January. Joan Bucci has the list of landscapers registered with the village.

5. Jessica Fox is officially a committee member - Welcome!

Set date for the October meeting - Monday October 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm