

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2020

Attendance - Claire Davis, Jessica Fox, Nana Welch  
Guests: Karen Vastola, Shelly Robinson, Dave Cwik, Kersten Harries, Erin Carney

Meeting commenced 7:21pm

Minutes of January 6th approved electronically

1. Discussion to finalize Priorities for 2020-

- a. Claire distributed the January 6 th minutes for this item, which was not finalized in January, to serve as the basis for additional discussion. Following extensive discussion, a list of priorities was assembled by those members present and responsibility assigned for each. Due to the absence of a quorum, Claire stated that she would circulate the amended list to all committee members via email for final approval, posting, and presentation to the Board of Trustees at the Work Session on February 18 th .
- b. Fiona is working on finalizing the grant budget for improved publicity/education re: food scraps program. No drop off/pick up of food scraps is planned within the village (SH) at this time. Claire and Jessica will continue to work with Fiona on grant implementation and will also work toward developing a future plan for Village food scrap collection.
- c. Healthy yards will be brought under the umbrella of Watershed Protection, which umbrella will also encompass Pollinator Pathways, leaf pick-up examination, and Fremont Pond grant implementation. Jessica indicated that the Healthy Yards Workshop planned for Spring 2020 will focus on trees. Dave will work with Jessica Fox on this in 2020.
- d. Claire asked to amend the goal around walkability for 2020. Priority would be to see new crosswalk at Lawrence and Beekman and crosswalk improvements at Beekman and Pocantico improved/installed in 2020. Both were previously vetted by the Board of Trustees, and Claire is willing to continue working on this. At the urging of those present, Claire will touch base with Anthony Giaccio to review the final engineering plans for the sidewalk replacement project.
- e. Examine the tree ordinance implementation and enforcement. Dave and Francois will work on this in 2020. Meeting with Planning Board and Open Space Committee scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th. Climate Smart Communities - application is now under review, some comments have come in.

2. Update on joint work with Planning Board & Tree Commission to revise tree ordinance - Meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 25th, 2020

3. Report on Intervillage Group Sustainability Meeting - Jessica - Hastings, Dobbs, Irvington, Ossining have been included in a CSC grant award through the county which will enable completion of a municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory for each. (Sleepy Hollow applied separately for a CSC grant to enable completion of a Municipal GHG inventory and was denied.) Sustainable Westchester is opening membership - SH is already a member and Anthony Giaccio attends some of their meetings. All of the villages are trying to coordinate Earth Day activities. Environmental Learning Alliance is focusing on trees this year.

4. SHEAC has agreed to Co-sponsor, along with TEAC and FCWC, the film "Queen of Sun" about the importance of bees. The film will be shown at the Warner Library on Tuesday March 3rd - Jessica will work on creating poster/flyer that we can use to publicize the film showing.

New Business

1. Report on Westchester County Forest Inventory Project - Claire, Jess - Program held Nov 12, 2019 at Greenburgh Nature Center. Mapping and Ecosystem assessment for

Westchester and Westchester Forest Inventory; countywide 10 year program for promoting tree canopy increase. Mapping current and past changes in land use. Looking at success of each community within the county. Goal is over 40% canopy cover. The state will eventually set a standard that they will require of every municipality in terms of canopy cover. Sleepy Hollow tree inventory was last done in 2015 and needs to be updated. Does not have tree canopy information.

2. Report on Irvington's Invasive Species Program - Claire, Jess - speaker from Prism (Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management). Plants are put into different tiers depending on their characteristics and the ability to control them. NY metro area has a very high number of invasive species including insects. Bird population is decreasing as the insect population has diminished. Related to the pollinator issue. iMAP - app which maps/logs and describes invasives.

3. Westchester Clean Energy Summit - 8:30am to 11am, Thursday March 5 th Pace - sponsored by Sustainable Westchester and FCWC.

4. Review results of County-Wide Food Waste Recycling Study - Claire attended program on study kick-off on the feasibility of the county constructing/opening its own composting facility. Study is now complete and the study report has been released publicly. Should the County open its own composting facility, compost would be returned to the contributing villages. There are several actionable items in the report that will likely be beneficial to SH and all are encouraged to read the report.

5. Discuss teaming with TEAC for Earth Day event (Saturday April 18, 2020). Jessica will work on a Pollinator Pathways display with TEAC for the earth day event.

6. Saturday May 2nd is the Riverkeeper Sweep. SHEAC has taken lead for clean-up at Devries and Douglas parks each year. Village administrator has indicated that he will coordinate a Village-wide clean-up day on May 2nd as well.

7. New York State Association of Conservation Advisory Commissions 2020 Conference on the Environment will be held in Westchester County this fall. - calling now for CAC conference planning committee. SHEAC will not join planning committee, but may participate in conference once planned and scheduled.

8. Dan forwarded Tarrytown's new recycling guide to the committee, and everyone recommended getting it posted on the village website. Claire obtained an editable version of the Guide and is working with Anthony on revising it in accordance with Sleepy Hollow's regs. As soon as Anthony forwards final edits to Claire, she will finalize for posting on the Village website.

Next meeting will be Monday March 9th

Meeting adjourned: 9:23pm