

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2020

via Zoom

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Dan Convisser, Beverly Jensen

Guests: Sarah Smiley

Meeting commenced 5:00 pm [sic]

1. Sarah Smiley has agreed to become the new coordinator of the Village Climate Smart Community Task Force. Nana will continue to play a lead role. The existing task force membership will remain basically the same and new membership (including from the village staff) will be sought. Task Force meetings will take place several times a year either concurrently or directly after a SHEAC meeting.
2. Jessica Fox has agreed to replace Claire Davis to become a co-chair of SHEAC. Karen Vastola has expressed interest in becoming a SHEAC board member. Dave A will seek support of these actions from the Mayor and BOT.
3. The Village has been notified by DEC that SH will be awarded Bronze status as a Climate Smart Community very shortly. This is terrific news and shows the dedication of the village and its residents to the battle to offset climate change. Great work on the part of Claire and the CSC Task Force.
4. Village Planning Board and others are working to have trees planted this year in Devries Park and throughout the inner village.
5. Discussions have begun to initiate steps needed to develop a Sleepy Hollow Tree Management Plan.
6. Pollinator garden has been installed at Palmer and Riverside. Jess is designing a website for info on pollinator gardens.
7. Dan has agreed to take the lead on the committee on alternative transportation and pedestrian safety. We don't want to lose the momentum gained by SHEAC in the past several years on "walkability" in the inner village. Priority would be to see new crosswalk at Lawrence and Beekman and crosswalk improvements at Beekman and Pocantico. He will draft a letter for the chair's signature to restart some projects in the near future.
8. This year's Riverkeeper "Riversweep" is scheduled for October 17th. Several board members suggested we go ahead and try to conduct our usual support at Devries Park. Dave A. is looking for additional leader support.
9. Next SHEAC monthly meeting will take place on October 5th at 7pm. Beverly offered to host at her house.