

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2021

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Beverly Jansen, Karen Vastola, Dan Convissor, Jessica Fox  
Guests: Sarah Smiley, Diana Loja

Commenced 7:02pm

Logistics for Devries and Douglas for River Sweep Clean Up on May 1st  
Dave, Nana, Diana, and Anthony will do site visits on April 13 or 14 in the village and at Devries. So far 12 people have signed up for Devries clean-up.

Diana Loja - the community in the village is complaining about garbage in the streets and want to clean the streets similar to last year in which lots of residents of all ages participated. Her idea is to have the village participate in clean-up in Village - Chestnut, Beekman, ? street? - Horseman volunteers will come in to help clean and do plantings. There will also be involvement from the DPW. This year instead of creating a new day, it will be done the same day as the other River Sweep clean-up activities.

Who will maintain the plantings? Chestnut street association will help maintain the plantings on Chestnut street - but the entire community will have to be involved in maintaining the plants as well - i.e. business along Beekman (in addition to DPW). Diana has also spoken to chamber of commerce about providing/coordinating with the Deli's and businesses on Beekman to reduce the amount of cigarette waste in front of the buildings.

Karen has volunteered to work directly with Diana Loja to work on village clean-up sites.

Dan - again coordinated the clean-up in Douglas Park. He had the group focus on garbage pick up vs. removing of invasive plants. Lots of garbage was removed. Dan will map out routes for people to use to help with the removal. Dan gets supplies (bags etc. from the village).

#### Existing Goals from 2020

Food Scrap publicity grant - has been on hold for several months due to COVID. A graphic designer was hired and drafted the design. Jessica Fox has been in contact with Fiona Matthews.

Watershed Protection/Healthy Yards - lots of discussion in last 6 months, with the Fremont Pond Grant. Use of gas landscape machinery i.e. leaf blowers has been requested by Lynn Moffet for SHEAC to discuss (this topic will be on hold pending further discussion).

Walkability Study - Kersten Harries and planning board members are interested in having the Beekman Ave sidewalk project do more than just reconstructing what is there, but also incorporating suggested changes from the walkability study. There is a possible grant opportunity that she is working on. Kersten is bringing together all of the proposals from the urban land institute, walkability study and comprehensive plan to present to Anthony Giaccio.

SHEAC will sign on to the Route 9 active transportation letter that will be sent to Representative Mondaire Jones.

#### 2021 Priorities

We will keep the momentum and work on these goals for 2020 and make them priorities for 2021.

Food Scrap Publicity

Watershed Protection

Walkability - Beekman Avenue corridor

Philipse Manor Garden club is having an Earth Day tour of the cemetery on April 30th at 2pm to talk about the flora. Beverly Jansen will distribute the

information.

Jessica Fox will be moving out of state this summer.

Next meeting May 10th at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm