

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
and Climate Smart Community Task Force
Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2022

via zoom

Attendees: Char Weigel, Dan Convissor, Judi Knispel, Dave Avrin, Beverly Jansen, Sarah Smiley

1. SHEAC 2022 priorities / volunteer leads for each project

a. Food scrap recycling education - Dan and Beverly

i. Sarah - Do we want to push for local drop off sites? Dan - Jess had suggested that, faced some pushback. Dan will do more research. Char has neighbors interested in setting up a compost pick-up at their building.

b. Watershed Protection - Dave.

i) Fremont Pond Project grant - Village in process of selecting contractor. Dave commented on that and will continue participating in that process.

ii) Healthy Yards education - there might be interest from BOT to implement non gas-powered landscaping on village properties.

Dave would like to find out how much interest BOT has to pursue this, and maybe educate residents on electric leaf blowers; some municipalities have banned gas powered leaf blowers.

Dan - we can put it on the agenda to discuss with BOT. Dave can write up some articles that SHEAC can publish. Dave - a lot of material already exists, don't need to re-create it.

c. Communications - Dan - publish our articles on SHEAC Wordpress website, helpful if other members write them. Also get news on e-blasts from Village, plus some printed material. Work with Paula to announce our meetings, agendas, etc. Make meetings accessible.

d. Pollinator Pathways - Dave - who has picked that project up after Jess left?

Dan knew that Jess and Erin were the most involved. Dave - not sure if we should bring it up at board meeting. Dan - Erin is in Finland for the month, can email her and ask her how active she wants to be. Beverly - interested in working on this, will get in touch with Erin when she gets back and go from there.

2. SHEAC structure - Dave - reviewed terms of current members. Only Dave and Nana are technically within their terms. Dan - can bring that up with the BOT before the presentation.

3. CSC - GHG Inventory Update

a. Sarah working on collecting all the data from Village. Hoping to have the inventory done prior to the BOT presentation/discussion, even if final written report will take longer.

4. CSC 2022 Priorities - Discussion

a. Climate Action Plan - Village was awarded grant

i. Will be a big initiative, Task Force will support work of consultant hired by Village

b. CSC Points for existing actions - formalizing existing policies etc.

i. Complete Streets Policy - Dan - the Village is not adhering to it on Beekman Ave project. Sean reached out to Dan about Edge On Hudson, planning board is pushing them to put in bike lanes. Dave - why do you think they aren't following it? Dan - thinks it just doesn't register. Dan will speak with Anthony about it.

c. Fleet Efficiency Policy/Anti-Idling

i. Kirsten raised questions about how it would be enforced? Would all departments be on board?

ii. Judi interested in pursuing a fleet efficiency policy.

- iii. Dan - Climate Action Plan can lead to the policy development.
- iv. Char - We should include Chief of Police and DPW in the discussions about this before discussing with the BOT. Maybe do an education campaign with staff about existing idling law, and more broadly with community.
- v. Sarah - Can use final GHG inventory as launchpad for the discussion with Dept Heads.
- vi. We will keep looking at this internally, will share with BOT once we have data from GHG inventory and dept buy-in.
- d. CSC Webpage - presence on Village website or separate page. Mention this in presentation to BOT, but discuss with Paula first.
- e. LED streetlights - Sent letter to BOT. Doesn't need to be a priority since we made our recommendation to BOT.
- f. Waste Reduction Education Campaign - led by Nick. Can use some of the food scrap recycling grant to support this. Char can help with this effort.
- i. This can be a combined priority with SHEAC.

5. BOT Presentation - share our updates and priorities, look to BOT for their input, buy-in, and see where their interests lie. SHEAC and CSC present at same meeting. Aim for 3rd or 4th Tuesday. Judi is available on 4th Tuesday.

Presentation agenda:

- a. Recap of 2021 accomplishments - discuss via email first
- b. SHEAC 2022 Priorities
 - i. Food Scrap Recycling education grant implementation
 - ii. Watershed Protection: Fremont Pond and Healthy Yards
 - iii. Communications (*are you including this in BOT presentation?)
- c. GHG Inventory Status
- d. CSC 2022 Priorities
 - i. Climate Action Plan
 - ii. Waste Reduction Campaign - partnership with schools, tie in with SHEAC grant
 - iii. Work on existing actions that need formalizing/completion. Example: Website and communications. Maybe mention complete streets policy, depending on status of Dan's conversation with Anthony.
 - iv. Other priorities will come out of GHG Inventory and CAP process
- e. Committee members - talk with Anthony ahead of time about changes, then share at BOT meeting that we will submit resolutions to formalize committee members

6. Next Steps

- a. Dan and Sarah - tell Anthony about committee changes
- b. All - email 2021 accomplishments to share at BOT presentation
- c. Sarah - confirm date of BOT meeting with Anthony
- d. Sarah - discuss communications requests with Paula
- e. Dan - discuss Complete Streets Policy with Anthony