

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee  
and Climate Smart Community Task Force  
Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2022

Location: Outside at Cortlandt Plaza

Attendees: Dave Avrin, Beverly Jansen, Rachael Sokolowski, Judi Knispel, Sarah Smiley

Guests: Gabi Bost, Anne White, Gina Carey

Agenda:

1. Introductions

2. SHEAC - Food Scrap Recycling Grant update

1. Finalizing proposal - costs on printing, graphic design, kits
2. Writing text for promotional material (Kirsten has some material from Ulster County)
3. Use some of the grant money to give away home composting system - County is promoting ask if they have resources for that.

3. CSC - Recap of 6.21.22 BOT meeting/resolutions discussion

1. LED Streetlights - need more info (can rewire, need 50% of streetlights to qualify for points)
  1. Look into color of lights (should go with yellow warmer lights, not blue)
2. Composting Drop-off Location - need more info
  1. Composting Drop-off Location - BOT wants more info including our suggestions for drop off sites so they can then choose one. The carting company will charge per stop so we should only select 1 location. We are estimating needing 20 x 64 gallon "toters"
  2. Suggest we put together a short list of locations for the July BOT meeting that will receive the most traffic:
    1. Municipal lot across from the police station on Beekman Avenue - houses on both sides
    2. Continental St (near new DPW) - suggested by Anthony
      1. Anne - we shouldn't add traffic to that street. Talk to Lauren Connell (new trustee) who lives near there.
    3. Senior Center - big parking lot, good for people walking
    4. Peabody - if we have 2 sites
    5. Break it up into 2 sites?
      1. Kirsten working with Kevin at the DPW and Westchester County on the Inter-Municipal agreement to join the existing program
        1. Initial costs are roughly
          - \* \$3600 for the toters
          - \* \$15.60/ton <20 tons and \$10.40/ton >20 to haul the food scraps to the transfer
        1. There are possible grants for the Inter-Municipal agreement available through NYSDEC to decrease the cost for the village
        2. There would be a separate arrangement for events that we are still looking into
          1. Ask Anthony if DPW could take event food waste to TT drop off if we don't have our own site.
        3. There are claims that composting can save the village money on waste removal, but we have not found data from the county or independently yet, does anyone know where we could find this?

1. Rachael will research if needed..
2. TEAC did a lot of research, ask Dean or Rachel first.
3. (Sarah discussing with Scarsdale folks who started their own program)
4. We would like to include all of the above information and costs in our follow up with the BOT in July with costs with the goal of having this passed for September/October
  3. No fossil fuel HVAC in new Village facilities - considering it for DPW
  4. Solar in all new Village facilities - probably yes, because DPW is going to do it
  5. Select solar contractor for Municipal solar project - have subcommittee working on it (6.28.22 BOT adopted resolution to issue RFEI, to be followed by RFP, begin project by 2023.
  6. Recycling program for muni buildings - seems likely
  7. Recycling program for all public spaces - seems likely
  8. Recycling program for public events - need to figure out food scrap part, but interested in that
  9. Create Climate Action Planning page on website - seems like yes, follow up on timeline
    1. Mayor wants to hire communications director
10. Next Steps
  1. Prepare composting info for 7.19.22 meeting
  2. Prepare LED info for 7.19.22 meeting (need count of streetlights)
4. CSC - Waste Reduction Education Campaign
  1. Gina developing material in conjunction with Food Scrap Recycling Grant
  2. Nick graduated, he was trying to get Superintendent to waste audit in school, he and Gina followed up, but no response. Bio teacher was connection - intro him to Gina to recruit more students. Let him know what waste audit looks like. Plastic and food waste. Gina knows 2 new school board members, will reach out.
5. CSC - GHG Inventory updates, working on reports.
6. Village Grants
  1. Village was awarded a state grant in 2021 (Engineering Planning Grant \$28,800) for water infiltration study for downtown to determine where stormwater is entering sewer system.  
\* Tracy Brown at Riverkeeper said we should be looking into it. Anne will follow up with Tracy.
  1. Village deciding on which grants to apply for 2022 - likely they will apply for Pedestrian Safety Action Plan grant. Also looking at LWRP/bulkhead, music festival, and Main Street Grant for technical assistance to small businesses. Will discuss at BOT tomorrow night.
7. TEAC Eco-Fair October 1st - we will table. Compost info. Ask to set up next to TEAC table. Activity for kids - compost activity. Recycling relay. Have compost kits as prizes. Village Hall has a canopy we can use. Beverly did a recycling game.  
Sarah will reach out to Rachel at TEAC to see how we can collaborate. Materials in English and Spanish. Recruit Spanish speaking members? Ask Diana Loja if she has any suggestions. Gabi can translate material.
8. Day of Defiant Hope event - October 1st 10-4pm - conflicts with Eco Fair.

9. Cultural Festival - Sept 17th tabling opportunity

10. Next Meeting - location? August 8th. Horan's Landing. 7pm

Misc:

Community Gardens - Diana might be looking at reviving them. Gabi is interested in working on this, can contact her.

For Aug Mtg:

- \* Finalize tabling info.

- \* SHEAC would promote info on invasive plants, etc.

- \* Promote our accomplishments at table.