

SHEAC/CSC Meeting

September 12, 2022 at 7pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Dan Convissor, Dave Avrin, Gabi Bost, Rachael Sokolowski, Gina Carey, Anne White, Deb Wood, Francois Rjeili, Kirsten Hase-McLaughlin, Sarah Smiley, Beverly Jansen

1. Introductions

Dan - \$5m from Andrea Stewart-Cousins for Rt 9 Active Transportation Study
Rachael & Gabi - working on an environmental club at Morse

2. SHEAC Updates (Dave)

- Former Co-Chair moved when Covid hit, has been a bit unfocused since then.
- Has been working on CSC efforts.
- Anne White approached Dave, volunteered to co-chair; Dave submitted her appointment letter to Anthony for BOT to adopt; Dave will co-chair temporarily
- Beverly and Nana stepping down from the board.
- Need new membership, and new leadership needs to figure out how to mesh with CSC, tree committee, Open Space committee
- Anne -
 - Need to set specific goals and how it will work with CSC; maybe assign certain tasks to SHEAC members; stormwater management a major issue to address. DRI grant options include items related to stormwater
 - Would like to speak with Jared Rodriguez and Rene Leon (village trustees) about work they're doing to improve intersections, also recruit someone from central village
- Francois - Anne would be a great asset to the committee with new ideas
- Francoise - what is the status of Fremont Pond grant money? Dave - not clear; communication with Village on grants, etc. should be improved. Anne - BOT just approved paying a consultant (\$5k/month) for communication work.

3. Food Scrap Recycling Campaign:

- Reviewed mailer, chose Option 1 for cover; reviewed logo options; will change "Village Compost" heading to make clear it is food scrap drop off program. Use SHEAC email for contact info. Kirsten will send edits to graphic designer to implement; Gabi will translate text.

- Circulate so everyone can review text.
- Can school participate? Probably can't use drop off locations because it is not residential; perhaps there's a way to piggyback off the County contract.

- Francois - can we add location for manors - Devries? Or train station? Starting with 3 pilot locations with potential to add others.

4. LED Lights - ask for yellow lights (clarification from Dan: lights should have reduced intensity in the blue part of the spectrum). Village working on pricing options. Dan: SHEAC had discussed the issue of light colors several years ago and recommended this to BOT at the time.

5. Inventory Emissions - GHG Inventory Update: inventories complete, Sarah working on written reports; had to troubleshoot some errors.

6. Eco-Fair - Oct. 1st; finalize plan, materials needed, volunteers, publicity

Rachael and Gabi - food scrap relay activity, maybe a home composting activity
Dave - someone gave him 4 kits, can give them away, Rachael will ask Jenny at TEAC if that's ok

Anne can staff the table as well

Closet at village hall with stuff for tabling, Dave will meet them there next week.

Signage for table on waste reduction - maybe enlarge mailer.

Signage about accomplishments. Kirsten and Sarah will draft.

Dan has 8x10 laminator we can use..

Anne - Jared and Rene working on improving some pedestrian crossings (Cortlandt and Depeyster); can create questionnaire - where would you like to see more of these? Anne will reach out to them.

- Set up a separate call to plan.

7. Village website - new page for Village initiatives incl. Climate

- What is timeline? Need to find out.
- Categories to include: How can people participate? Efforts to reduce GHG emissions. Village's efforts to mitigate or adapt to the climate crisis.
- Tab for food scrap recycling, videos linked, social media embedded
- Keep updates on social media.
- Keep it simple, easier to manage.

8. High school student committee member (Gina)

- Nick Kaufman graduated, at college. Wants to come back during summer break.
- New teacher contact, Gina will chat with her soon, another CSC member can join. Sarah offered to join.
- Anne - would like to be in touch with new school board members, esp. regarding pedestrian safety, plus SH - TT connection. Anne will reach out to them.

9. Waste Reduction Education Campaign (Gina)

- CSC requirements are pretty open, she has a lot of ideas. Gina will share over email and those interested in working on it can respond.
- Kirsten: at a block party saw that there's a need for more recycling education. Prepare for Oct events.

10. CSC Action to compile: Traffic Calming Measures

- Need "before" pictures and if public input was gathered. Dan: there was public outreach for walkability audit; Jared and Rene are moving it forward again. Depeyster intersection was in the walkability report. Check to see what has been done so far.

Tabled items::

11. Fleet Inventory Update

12. Potential CSC Actions to pursue:

- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy
- Complete Streets Policy (need to revise)
- Social Media - create a FB account (example of Dobbs Ferry

<https://www.facebook.com/sustainabledobbs> & Bedford

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Next Meeting: Oct 3rd