

11.7.22 SHEAC/CSC Task Force Agenda Overview

1. SHEAC Updates
2. Community News
3. Food Scrap Program
4. Waste Reduction Education Campaign
5. Review of July BOT Resolutions
6. Potential Resolutions for Dec BOT Meeting
7. Promotions, publicity, short term & long-term strategies
8. Social Media

People attended:

Anne White
Dave Avrin
Sarah Smiley
Kirsten McLaughlin
Jared Rodriguez
Laura Burkhardt
Judi Knispel
Deb Wood
Kiko Bourne
Gina Carey
Char Wiegel
Bill Batson
Dan Convissor

1. Mayor's appointment to SHEAC & review of membership

New Co-chair election: Anne White

Seeking new SHEAC members & volunteers

We are 4 board members short and looking for new volunteers to become board members

Primary program focus for 2023

- Supporting CSC Task Force
- Expanding community outreach
- Support other committees working on similar actions
 - example the Public Space Council; sidewalks, parks, riverwalk plaza & park, statue island, Devries park
 - work to do on the Pocantico river, removal of invasive species
 - Jared working on putting in new cross walks and solar projects
- Anne compiling list of current Village initiatives
- We would love to hear what people are interested in to expand topics

2. Community News (Anne & Dave)

Tree Commission

If a tree of a certain size is proposed for removal then the decision goes before the tree committee to validate if it is a tree of importance and also location for new trees as a replacement. New rules for public safety or infrastructure damage.

- Advice on updated tree code
- Looking for members to serve on the tree commission
 - Anyone can advise a trustee or the mayor
- There is a lot of activity for the last 12-18 months to support the urban canopy on Beekman, Cortland and water esplanade

Public Space Policy

BOT Jared Solar presentation

- Intersection redesign efforts are underway, Jared and BOT - on Cortlandt and Beekman potentially to make the plaza permanent
 - Depeyster & Cortlandt is next
- Solar on public parking
 - Selected a solutions provider and hopeful for construction to begin for about a ½ a MW (equivalent of roughly 100 homes)
 - new DPW will have much larger capacity
 - Both will feed directly into the system & will be community project so residents can lower their utility bills
- Looking at additional EV stations at Barnhart and at Village Hall
- Village looking at charging infrastructure to electrify village vehicles
 - police cars to start but DPW will likely follow after
 - We are due to purchase a bucket truck so possibility to buy

Slides on village projects

3. Food Scrap Program (Kirsten)

Update on drop-off locations & distribution of food scrap kits

- Bins were put in place at Continental St, Senior Center, and Beekman Ave.

Outreach: Press release & Village e-blast; tabling at Eco-fair, Block Party & Art Exhibit

- worked with Bill on the press release.
- Tabled at Eco Fair. Anne: Rachael and Gabi tabled, had a container with worms, and appealed to families.
- Art exhibit / Day of the Dead event had a great crowd.
 - Diana Loja stepped in and had Anne & Sarah give a presentation to the crowd to show food scraps and village compost
 - 14 people signed up to enter the raffle to win the starter kits
 - Next time we should set up food scrap bin with signs in English and Spanish in advance at events so that we can encourage people to throw their food away using the food scrap programs
- Bill has a resource “the worm guy”, Dave Goldberg who can help keep families engaged. Char - partner with Warner Library. Kiko - or Peabody. Jared: family event at Barnhardt?
- Anne: C2 (Kids’ Club) meeting distros flyers for events, she submitted a composting flier which went out in their email.

- Char: send events to Community10591 calendar - it is becoming the calendar for Sleepy Hollow and TT.
- Jared: read up on PFAS in compostable containers/utensils, contaminates compost, can't be remediated. Kirsten: maybe speak with Anthony or County and see if they have guidance on it. If they don't, we can create our own "don't" category.
- Dan: Village post did not mention Beekman Ave site; Bill: will update the post.
- Block party: not a success, many out of towners, difficult to get people to throw out their scraps into bins. Need a daytime family event.
 - Char: Suggests Supwitches event next year.
- Metrics: selling starter kits, DPW weighs compost bins before carting away.
- Bill can post photos of collection sites on social media. Judi: she posted photos on SHEAC FB page, can send him the pics.

4. Waste Reduction Education Campaign (Gina)

Launch for campaign: timing, publicity, tabling, materials

Invitation from TEAC to visit County Compost Education site on 11/18 @10:30am: Anne will coordinate with TEAC

Add to the list of resolutions for Dec BOT Mtg?

- Started a brainstorming document with ideas; make it village-specific as much as possible, use local data; don't replicate what's already available; don't create waste as part of the campaign.
- Anne: maybe just focus on food scraps for next year, realize this is connected. Kirsten: No set timeline for broader education campaign, can build it up later.
- Sarah: Food scraps is complementary to Waste reduction, especially if we want to reduce packaging and it is something that the village can get behind and promote

5. Review of July BOT Resolutions (Kirsten/Sarah)

1. Encourage renewable energy through purchase or direct generation.
2. LED streetlights. Board approved changing 50% of lights, DPW put in a capital budget request, and to convert streetlights when they need to be replaced. Will find out in December if it was approved as part of the budget. Jared: told DPW to put numbers to actively convert lights, not just wait for them to burn out. Kirsten: muni bldg lights won't be an issue. Traffic Light on Beekman will be LED, traffic lights are more expensive to change, do it as needed. Looking at the first 3 months of next year to start implementation. Jared: request a replacement plan from DPW. Ask at a BOT meeting. All decorative lights on upper Beekman and at Edge are LED. Kirsten: SHEAC requested that LEDs are closer to yellow than blue; once capital budget is passed, then they can raise that issue.

Jared: new traffic light at Washington should have been a 4 way stop sign, not a traffic light, not good for pedestrians. Anne: traffic light will add audible signals, and asked

them to include lead time for pedestrians. Jared: you can still add that by programming it.

- c. Replace existing space and water heating systems. New bldg and replacements will prioritize it. Wouldn't commit because they weren't sure about the cost, but resolution included that they have to look at lifetime cost/savings. Make sure it's included in RFPs. Jared: put pressure on DPW site, they can't get answer on whether ConEd will provide gas, due to moratorium. Ask about it at the December BOT meeting.
- c. Recycling program - muni bldgs, public spaces, public events. Have to follow up and document, make sure all are covered by Dec 30th. Make it part of a waste reduction education campaign. Rachael - Morse Eco Club, school is not recycling properly in classrooms, could educate there. Need visuals in English and Spanish.
- c. Food Scrap Pilot program - public events, drop off locations.
- c. Inform and inspire the public on climate goals and progress.
- c. Local Climate Action website

6. Potential Resolutions for Dec BOT Meeting

- 1. Sarah - to keep the momentum going we would like to bring a policy to adopt and implement
 - 1. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (1-4 pts)
 - 1. example: paper goods
- 2. Energy Bench-marking (2-4 pts)
 - 1. Free software the village will use that we can gain points after using 2 years of data, in addition to points for adopting policy
- 3. Fleet Efficiency Policy (2-3 pts) [*A Fleet Inventory (4 pts) can be conducted in conjunction with preparing the fleet efficiency policy, but does not require a village resolution*]
 - 1. Jared discussed police vehicles & DPW, setting the goals by a certain year and incorporate an inventory that is updated regularly
 - 2. Judi did initial work on the Fleet Efficiency policy. Sarah and Judi and anyone else interested will speak offline

Jared, establishing a fleetwide efficiency target makes a lot of sense. think about what it needs to be

- 1. Create a carve out by vehicle type?
 - 1. light duty/sedan/SUVs
 - 2. Fire trucks / DPW separate bucket
- 2. Include cycling?
- d. Update Village Complete Streets policy (4 pts) with timeline for implementation
 - 1. Anne confirmed that it was adopted in 2017 without specific measures and commitments so want to revisit and update
 - 2. Adopt the NACTO (north american city)handbook for street / intersection redesign
 - 3. Use direct targets with timelines
- d. Traffic Calming Measures

d. Watershed

4. There was a committee and a grant for Fremont pond so would like to reactivate it
5. Jared stated there are continuous efforts on sewer overflow into the river. There have been a lot of hard infrastructure but would like to see more work that residents can do like rain barrels, bioswales, rain gardens, changing people's gutters
6. Dan - the village got a grant to map the storm drains. Kirsten will follow up with DPW if they have this and what we can do.

7. Promotions, publicity, short term & long-term strategies (Anne)

1. SHEAC website update
2. SHEAC monthly newsletter: Anne asked Bill if it would be possible to send to send out a monthly newsletter
 1. Bill will check with Anthony on how involved he can be. Definitely involved with the website.
3. Village Website: Sarah/Kirsten will follow up with Anthony
4. Social Media:
 1. Facebook - Judi is managing and updating. Everyone please like the Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee on Facebook