

**SHEAC / CSC Task Force Meeting
3/6/2023, 7:00pm at Village Hall**

Minutes

1. Request a notetaker (Anne) - Kirsten taking notes
2. Introductions
 - a. Char Wiegel
 - b. Sarah Smiley - Co- Coordinator
 - c. Dave Avrin
 - d. Anne White
 - e. Gina Carey
 - f. Jared Rodriguez - village trustee and liaison to the board
 - g. Judi Knispel
 - h. Debbie
 - i. Maureen Petry- Guest speaking to Pocantico Lake
 - j. Kiko Bourne - food scrap, website, newsletter
 - k. Bill Batson - director of communication for SH
 - l. Elizabeth Tucker - Livable Tarrytowns - surveying pedestrian (?) safety
 - m. Maya Mendez - sophomore & member of SPEAR at HS
 - n. Susanne Jones - volunteer at Peabody outdoor classroom, maintain pollinator garden & programming for wider community. Goal to bring in greater community for events
 - o. Rachael Sokolowski
 - p. Kirsten Hase-McLaughlin - Co-Coordinator
3. Approval of 2/6/2023 Minutes - Approved
4. Reports on progress since last meeting
 - February presentation to Board of Trustees (Sarah & Kirsten)
 - o presented 3 resolutions
 - Green Fleet Policy - framework to increase efficiency and phase in electric vehicles - Approved Feb 28th
 - Energy Benchmarking - visibility into energy usage of Village owned buildings and plans for more efficient usage - Approved Feb 28th
 - Green procurement policy - through NY state to ensure items are the most efficient and sustainable where possible - confirmed that will be adopted in April with annual purchasing policy
 - Food scraps program — events, schools, Village e-blast, apartment buildings

- o Movie night - HS students jumped right in to direct people to compost their leftovers
 - o Labels on each of the bins - NO PLASTIC BAGS
 - o Ichabod's - Judi will email Kirsten whom on the board to talk to about the compost bins
 - o Riverwalk - Char will email Kirsten
 - o Anne working with Kendall and bringing greater volume w/volunteers
- Recycling
 - o We need more bins and standardize
 - Jared advised that there are new ones that combination see Hudson & Beekman
 - they have signs showing what goes in each one
 - o Anne would like to see a survey of where there are recycling bins and where they are missing
 - Update the ones that are messy
- Communications (Kiko & Bill)
 - o .com versus .org & sponsored content
 - working on seeing if we can be a .org to avoid advertising
 - o website upgrades still to be confirmed by BOT
- CEC grant & CAP grant process (Sarah)
 - o CEC - awarded 2 x \$5k grants - which will go towards electric landscaping equipment
 - lawnmower, leaf blowers, battery replacements
 - we would like to do a press release once equipment arrives
 - just have to run it by NYSERDA before publishing
 - o CAP
 - Char & Sarah will have a call with DEC administrator and hopefully have a consultant within the next few months
 - There is overlap with the NYForward grant projects (Jared)
- Village budget proposals (Sarah)
 - o Recycling labels - ask the DPW if they can include in budget request
 - o Recycling bins
- Fremont Pond Restoration Project (Dave)
 - o Village looking for contractor for bioremediation
 - 5 RFPs - public input is not being sought for contractors
 - o on the BOT agenda 07-Mar to choose a contractor / project management
 - Stakeholders will be instrumental in making the project successful including the board of education

- o Expecting that the contractor will contact the list of people / stakeholders of Fremont Pond
 - The 2 Manor associations - the SH Manor association was notified by Dave
 - o Anne will attend the work session
- Waste Reduction education campaign (Gina)
 - o move forward with the flyer about the waste stream and will have a subcommittee meeting
- Westchester County Waste Management program review (Anne)
 - o Requested the BOT to sign up for a consultant on the incinerator
 - o set up a meeting with Lou Vetrone - waste management commissioner for Westchester for this Friday the 10th
- Char suggesting recommendations for Westchester zero waste
 - o Where do the solids go from the Yonkers wastewater treatment plant?
 - o Overflow at SH goes into the Hudson River at Horan's landing
- Complete Streets policy & pedestrian safety — Walkable Tarrytowns (Anne)
 - o Elizabeth - working on a survey to rank the safety of intersections in the 2 villages
 - Both critical routes & safety of each intersection
 - o Anne - going to create a walk using a QR code for people to vote on
 - State roadway versus village roadway
 - o Pulling off of the complete streets policy that were passed in both 2014 for Tarrytown and 2016 for SH.
 - Amendments are needed for both of them
 - o Jared - it is going to be very important to have Tarrytown & SH be in sync on their goals
 - Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins got funding for Route 9 redesign from Hastings to the Old Dutch Church in SH.
 - Very important that the villages are aligned and advocate, otherwise Dept of Transportation will do a conventional plan
 - Organizations like Livable Tarrytowns and everyone that is interested needs to come together and pitch the game plan targeted towards Empire State Development & the governor's office - they can direct the Dept of Transportation
 - We have some leverage because of the housing compact and the Rivertowns are almost united against the Governor's housing plan. The governor is creating coalitions on how affordable housing is built so we need to use this opportunity for rte 9 streets

- o 6 of the 10 major intersections in SH have been selected for pilot programs
 - Jared will share the details via email
- o Anne - Reaching out to school boards and others to gain more interest

5. Announcements

- New SHEAC member proposed (Anne): Susanna Jones
- \$4.5 million NY Forward grant (Sarah)
 - o Village awarded from NY state as part of downtown revitalization initiative
 - o Planning process will start in April/May with implementation at beginning of 2024
 - Redevelopment of vacant parcels
 - Placemaking projects
 - a lot of potential to voice what we think should be prioritized
 - Sarah helped with grant application

6. Planning for upcoming events

- Repair Café 4/15 (Gina)
 - o April TEAC partnership at Neighborhood house
 - o looking for volunteers
 - Textiles
 - Woodworking
 - Jewelry repair
 - general
 - spanish translation
 - Kids table
 - clean up/set up
 - bike fixing (Dan)
 - o Advertising will go out in 2-3 weeks
 - Gabi translated into spanish
 - Bill offered to see the promotions to publish together
- Earth Day 4/22
 - o Girl Scouts clean-up on Cortland and Beekman to Morse (Anne will coordinate with Bill and Diana)
 - o TEAC - month of April
 - o Peabody - has an event - Trails Maintenance
 - also has a planting day in May
 - o Idea that each neighborhood could do something

- o SPEAR - planning but haven't finalized what yet
- o Village planting
- o 4 pollinator gardens - Barnhart, Cortlandt & Valley/Chestnut, Ichabod's
 - Need some loving over the course of the different weekends
 - Kirsten to email Anthony & Kevin about the one on Cortlandt that was crushed
- o Bill would need the information to release the week of March 27th so needs our draft schedule on the 20th
- o Set separate meeting for this week or next to pin down events
- Riversweep 06-May (Judi)
 - o Horan's Landing - Riverwalk from Tarrytown border to Kingsland (Judi & Char)
 - o Clean up to Devries Park
 - o Margie Ruddick - village landscaper working on redesign of of Devries
 - o TEAC will also have kayaking volunteers
- Publicity, calendar of events (Anne, Bill, Gina) monthly table at TaSH
- Volunteer sign-ups: Volunteer NY, Int'l Students
 - o Char has contacts at Volunteer NY and can send the schedule to them for volunteers
 - o Kiko - EF International Students

7. Open discussion on new proposals

- Public Art Proposal (Anne)
 - o 2 sculptures to be presented on the East Parcel
 - Mother Earth & water sculpture
 - Can be revisited at a later time to discuss our narrative on why SHEAC / CSC is proposing this
 - o Do we want to suggest this for the Open Space Council?
- County Legislature bill to reduce use of single-use plastics (Anne)
 - o the vote is this evening 06-Mar prohibiting restaurants and delis from putting out single use plastics like straws, single use ketchups, etc
- Indian Point proposal to discharge radioactive water into the Hudson
 - o Village administrator advised that SHEAC should not weigh in however we can alert people on the mailing list of the issues for them to weigh in individually
 - o SHEAC should also raise to the village and ask the BOT to take a position
 - Same as SHEAC did for WASS letter re: incinerator
 - Climate emergency

- o Jared thinks we should take a position on it and SHEAC/CSC should bring it to BOT
- Pocantico Hills development proposal with stormwater runoff
 - o Village administrator advised SHEAC of the same as above
 - o Maureen Petry - Maureen.Petry@gmail.com
 - Please reach out
 - the next public hearing is 30-Mar at Mt Pleasant Town Hall
 - looking for more people to attend
 - SavePocanticoLake.org
 - unincorporated Mt. Pleasant (Not Briarcliff)
 - construction will bring a lot of blasting to the location that is a direct tributary to the Pocantico River
 - The conservancy has weighed in but more people are needed
 - o Jared - SHEAC / CSC should pitch to the board to have them take a position
 - “We have concerns about the proposal”
 - Pocantico Lake is a county park
 - Reason why it is not outside of our purview
 - Downstream overflow
 - No discussion on downstream
 - what happens to the land that clears stormwater
 - what happens in the 100 year storm
 - The process to file showing that SH is a key stakeholder because we are downstream of both Pocantico Lake and the Indian Point

8 - Open comments

- NYSERDA will pay a Climate Fellow out of a disadvantaged community to work full time on a program that we are discussing here (we would need to apply for this program)
 - o we can promote this to everyone particularly people of color and those in a disadvantaged community
- Sewer overflow
 - o Model program at Syracuse - “Save the Rain”
 - Syracuse county had to avoid sending water to a site, they looked at the entire city and created green infrastructure to reduce stormwater flows
 - restoring wetlands
 - bioswales
 - We have a combined sewer

- overwhelms yonkers wastewater treatment plant and the sewer main
- the gate is at Horan's landing for overflow which is triggered when treatment plant is overwhelmed
- We need to bring education to people & need to redirect our storm water since we have a combined sewer
 - o the Fremont pond initiative will work on this for that location
- Sarah - what does the process look like to act on this?
 - Education campaigns
 - o Storm water
 - o Rain gardens
 - o dry well
 - Kirsten will look at CSC points for this
- Scarsdale implemented dry wells requirements