

April 3, 2023

SHEAC/CSC Meeting

Location: Village Hall & Zoom

Attendees: Char Weigel, Bill Batson, Anne White, Susanna, Sarah, Judi, Deb Wood, Dave Akryn, Gina Carey, Judi Knipsel, Kirsten McLaughlin, Lisa Reisch, Laura Burkhart

Notetaker: Kirsten McLaughlin

Agenda:

1. Identify Notetaker
2. Introductions 3 people online, 9 in-person
 - a. Local recycling rate is only 35% of waste while broader community is closer to 50%
3. New Mayor & Recap of BOT: new mayor and re-elected trustees were sworn in. Mayor Rutyna stopped by to say hello to SHEAC/CSC and show his support.
4. Reminders / Updates on upcoming events
 - a. Repair Cafe 4/15 from 10-2 (Gina) at the Neighborhood house in coordination with Irvington & Dobbs Repair Cafe and TEAC
 - i. Fixers include
 1. Computer and electric
 2. Textile recycling dropoff possibility
 3. Bikes
 4. Lutear to fix Instruments
 5. Small furniture
 - ii. Outreach for for additional volunteers
 1. Bill Batson - comfortable to begin posting
 - a. Will check with Margaret Fox for photos
 2. Facebook
 3. Community 10591
 4. NBC for the Today show will be there to show on the segment the week following and asking for items to fix at 30Rock
 5. Additional flyers
 - b. Earth Day 4/22 (Anne) 12pm
 1. 10AM at Sykes Park cleanup will begin at the bottom of Valley street
 2. 12pm at Barnhart park will meet the GirlScouts and all others invited - we will celebrate and demonstrate the food scraps program
 3. Village offering pizza
 4. Then the Girlscouts will clean down Cortland down to Sykes Park
 - c. Trail Cleanup at Peabody from 10-12pm also on 4/22 (Susanna)
 - d. Butterfly and Pollinator Garden 08-Apr - Peabody (Susanna)
 - e. Riverkeeper River Sweep 5/6 (Judi & Char)

- i. Co leading the riverwalk and Horan's Landing Sign up:
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/9QsUMQ?vid=y1wqt>
- ii. Anne is leading cleaning up invasive species at DeVries
 - 1. Margy Ruddick working on a cleanup project

5. New Events

- a. Day of Defiant Hope - June 10th from 10-4pm (Judi)
 - 1. Registered SHEAC, occurring at Christ Church in Tarrytown
 - 2. Showcasing local non for profits involved in a form of social justice
 - 3. Looking for 15 groups and have 12
 - ii. What can we promote?
 - 1. Food scraps
 - 2. Looking for volunteers for SHEAC/CSC and events coming up
 - 3. Climate Action Plan
 - 4. We will need Table covers/Banners
 - b. CompostEd field trip - Delayed due to elections & new mayor (Kirsten)
 - c. Compost Giveaway? - (Kirsten)
 - i. We had a call with Ron from Scarsdale who shared that they do a compost giveaway program each year to give out to residents. Our idea is to do a mini version of this to promote the food scraps program
 - ii. Gina is going to check if possible to get for free from Mt Pleasant
 - iii. Sarah suggested that we incorporate this with Earth Day at Barnhart
 - iv. Also something at Peabody later with larger volume
- #### 6. We will need updated outreach materials
- a. Self standing Signs 3x6 that can go behind the booth "Instant Booth"
 - b. Ideally using green purchasing policy
 - c. Will have a separate conversation about the design
- #### 7. Schedule Waste Reduction Subcommittee meeting
- #### 8. WASS Sign-on Letter / Incinerator Research (Anne)
- a. Laura Burkheart has done a lot of research for the Peekskill Incinerator "Wheelabrator" research
 - i. Summary is showing that there is no viable alternative to wheelabrator
 - ii. New technologies have downsides, landfill is not a clear alternative with less emissions
 - iii. Laura - the EPA updated their guidelines to become more stringent and Wheelabrator standards were updated in 2020 that surpass EPAs suggestions
 - 1. As a downside - The plant does generate ash as a byproduct which has to be taken to a landfill. However, looking at research the plant in Peekskill is the least bad
 - 2. WASS claimed that incinerators have more emissions than landfills however it depends on the emissions you are evaluating, landfills emit large amounts of methane

- iv. The age of the burner does not determine the emissions, the upgrades are important and we would like to see a review of the air quality in the area since the upgrades.
 - b. Gina - WASS has drawn the conclusion that Wheelabrator needs to be closed however the idea of a zero waste consultant we should support
 - c. Anne - we would like to propose getting a zero waste consultant.
 - d. Gina - we can have an impact on producing less feed for the incinerator but the incinerator will run through the end of the contract
9. Climate Action Plan RFP update (Sarah)
- a. Proposals are due Wednesday and we need to select within a month
 - b. Please sign onto the RFP subcommittee
10. Energy Benchmarking - next steps (Sarah)
- a. Working on starting with the energy software, will need to enter utility data
11. LED Streetlights update (Kirsten)
- a. It is a work in progress. They are out for RFP and we are speaking with the DPW on the color scheme of the lights. We are pushing for a more amber colored light versus white/blue for animal and human impact
12. Green Infrastructure Policy - Ichabod's Landing Bulkhead (Judi)
- a. The riverfront pavement has to be added and in some cases redone
 - b. We can petition as CSC/SHEAC for the village for permeability of surfaces
 - c. Dave - Along Kingsland waterfront they are building in a rocky shoreline with a seawall component
 - i. The east parcel has to include permeable pavers to help protect the historical Philipse Manor
 - d. Anne - what about people with mobility issues and strollers, bikes
13. Complete Streets & Pedestrian Safety - updates/next steps (Anne)
- a. Beginning to collaborate with TEAC and will update both complete streets policies
 - b. Contacted the pta and school board to meet next week
 - c. Put together a survey that will be available via QR code
14. Water Projects & CSC Water Initiatives
- a. Possible SubCommittee
 - b. Pocantico Lake development - recap from Mt. Pleasant Board Meeting (Anne)
 - c. Indian Point Radioactive Wastewater Discharge - BOT approved resolution in opposition
 - i. Gina - Let's post about this
 - d. Save the Rain initiative idea - next steps?
 - i. In our last meeting we discussed with Jared - save the rain / rain barrel and education campaign
 - e. CSC Actions
 - f. Recruited Sacha (a SH resident and ecologist who works for Doris Duke Foundation) to serve on Fremont Pond remediation committee
15. Possible fellow or paid staff (Anne)

- a. Irvington hired a sustainability coordinator \$60/hr for 1000 hours per year. We should look into this.
- b. Irvington Green Policy task force webpage shows that Irvington is building CULTECS sewers to mitigate flooding.

16. E-Bikes (Char)

- a. There is currently a proposal for a ban because of possible fatal fires from the lithium-ion batteries
- b. Speaking with companies and other municipalities for outdoor lockers so that bikes can be stored and charged outside of buildings
- c. If we want to encourage people to bike then we need to support e-bikes because of the hills in our village
- d. Hoping to get people at the Edge onboard
- e. Looking for SHEAC support to help mitigate carbon emissions
- f. Once battery technology is improved we are confident they will be safe again and in the meantime we want to push for cleaner air. Additional Details below

17. Tree Committee (Anne) - Current code requires 2 SHEAC representatives. Peter Strom is the new Tree Officer who needs a committee

- a. He is currently processing permits

Announcement from Char:

The Fortnightly Club of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown invites you and your family to a special lecture by River Keeper Chief Habitat Manager George Jackman, Ph.D. on the sturgeon in the Hudson River.

Every time you cross the Tappan Zee or Bear Mountain Bridge, there is a chance that a fish older than you (and three times as tall) is swimming under you. The Hudson River is home to two species of endangered sturgeon, species that have survived from the time of the dinosaurs despite all that development along the Hudson has thrown at them. As well as being aggressively hunted throughout the 19th and early 20th C as “Albany beef.” We are pleased to hear from Riverkeeper’s Senior Restoration Habitat Manager George Jackman, Ph.D. about these amazing living fossils. If you are interested in reading a quick article on the sturgeon in advance of the meeting, click <https://thehudsonindependent.com/ongoing-concern-about-hudson-river-sturgeons/>.

The free presentation will be held on **Monday, April 10 at 7:30 pm** in classroom 2 of the Hoch Center for Education at Phelps Hospital/Northwell Health, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. As you probably know, while the address is N. Broadway, the hospital is in its own complex a little west off Broadway... not directly on Route 9/Broadway.

The Hoch Center is on the 2nd floor of the 755 building. The best way to access the center is to park in Lot A at the front of the building, or to park in the garage, and to enter through the hospital main lobby. The Hoch Center is only a short walk from there and the folks at the reception desk will direct you.

Please just RSVP to Char Weigel at caweigel@verizon.net so we have a head count for refreshments and a special gift for children who attend.