

## January 2024 Minutes

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Arline Segal

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At the meeting we'll discuss and prioritize projects for 2024:

- Climate Action Plan - Grant funded by state that will result in how the village can reduce the GHG and reduce our risks of climate change and become more resilient
  - First community meeting will be Wednesday January 10th 6-8pm
    - Breakout sessions include
      - Buildings places and spaces
      - Transport and mobility
      - Downtown
      - Parks, natural resources and local heritage
  - Village sent out an email but please spread the word
  - This will help achieve additional points towards CSC which will help gain more grant money
  - Please visit the website - [Sleepy Hollow Climate Action Hub \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
  - It will be recorded and details later, representatives will be taking notes and published onto the website
    - Unfortunately there will not be a live recording
  - Char is working with village historian and consultants on historical streams that have been covered to help understand flooding in the village
  - This is 1 of 3 workshops
    - 1- Where do our emissions come from and what will a warmer climate look like
    - 2- Possible strategies for our village
    - 3- How Sleepy Hollow can take action
  - The goal is it for it to be a community driven project so that the community will implement the plan that the consultants create
  - The consultants will also create focus groups
  - There is a form on the website

- The schools are invited to be involved
- Horan's Landing Emergency Sewer Outflow
  - Mayor sent letter to commissioner
  - Create better signage with more clear language as well as communication when there is overflow
    - Not just that there is no lifeguard or dangerous waters but specifically that there is sewage in the water
  - Group working on testing at Kingsland
    - Idea it will be more economical to have the same group also test Horan's Landing
  - Little appetite to establish Kingsland as certified swimming beach because of requirements for lifeguards, liability, etc.
  - Meghan working with riverkeeper on leading water testing and idea of creating "pop-up" pools
    - There is funding available for "pop-up pools"
    - Possibly related to the issue of meeting the turbidity requirement
  - There are pending problems with the BOT long term solution of creating a water basin for excess runoff
    - Finding the location
    - High expense
    - Would take estimated 5-6 years
  - Calling all volunteers!!
    - Would anyone be interested in taking the lead on signage for Horan's Landing and Kingsland
    - Carol volunteered to lead
    - Rachael will support
- Zero Waste Campaign
  - Waste Education Campaign "Grow Gardens not Garbage" wrapping up
    - It will be evergreen on our website
    - Bill Batson working on uploading the videos to village youtube
      - Edith volunteered her daughter to help
    - Believe we can add communications to the DPW site
  - Zero Waste Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month
    - Kiko started the newsletter suggestions – @Gina suggesting a column or theme of recycling – taking one point from the Local Resources website to include as a tip for each newsletter
    - Targets for 2024 discussed at the SSH meeting and also
    - New bins that coordinate signs with the school posters
    - Sync with NYF streetscaping
    - Possible recycling grants
    - 2024 Education around town – why is this important
    - Empowering and education – what it is and why we are doing it
    - Trustee meetings during a presentation
    - Set up DPW meeting with kids from SPEAR join and educate

- Greater collaboration with DPW
  - Visit Stone Barns for compost education
  - Consider to establish village compost site
    - Sell the compost creating money for village
    - See if can expand on the existing yard waste site
  - WI plastic bag drive
    - Bring your plastic bags! The school's goal is to achieve 1,000lbs to create a bench
  - Pilot a plastic bag drop for people to leave extra plastic bags for dog owners at Douglas Park
    - Carol & Kirsten to create signs
- Greening the Village
  - Susanne and Rachael met with Matt Arone who was very receptive
    - Urban tree canopy fits well with the village goal of 150 trees planted this year for the bicentennial
      - SH has been a tree city for 22-25 years
      - 150th tree planting celebration April 25th
    - Natural Resource Inventory
      - The link to the Mt Pleasant CAC - [Conservation Advisory Council | Mount Pleasant, NY \(mtpleasantny.com\)](http://ConservationAdvisoryCouncilMountPleasant.NY(mtpleasantny.com))
    - Build and maintain pollinator gardens
      - Parking lot across from village hall
        - One central spot that could also be a showpiece
        - And assist with urban canopy
    - Education campaign
    - Green infrastructure
      - Encourage the village to use during streetscaping
    - Requirement for New Tree Commission
- Communications
  - Call for Volunteers! Is anyone interested in maintaining our FB Account?
  - How can we engage more volunteers?
    - Be specific to what people's skillsets are. We need help writing posters for Earth Day events
    - Bring the calendar to share events they can volunteer in
    - Coordinate with the village as much as possible
      - Earth Month
      - River Sweep
    - Be as involved as possible in the School renovations for green infrastructure & collaborate with TEAC
  - Regarding the School Bond
    - The school system is meeting with someone from NYSERDA
    - Sarah & Carol - lead discussion for promoting green infrastructure
  - Add subcommittees in the newsletter
    - Zero Waste - email Kirsten
    - Greening the Village - email Susanne

- Earth Month Activities - email Rachael - Goal to have the list (semi) finalized for end of January
  - Scheduled Weekends
    - Apr-6 :
    - Apr-7 :
    - Apr-13 : Saturday Academy
    - Apr-14 :
    - Apr-20 : Village - 150 trees
    - Apr-21 :
    - Apr-27 :
    - Apr-28 :
  - Ideas to be scheduled
    - TEAC team up
    - Cleanup locations
      - DeVries
      - Peabody
    - SPEAR - aqueduct cleanup
    - Girls Scouts - clean up
    - NY State's May 5 - 11 Compost Awareness Week
    - Coordinate a village wide Free Day
- Collaborations with Other Organizations
  - TEAC Collaborations
    - Safe Streets for All
    - School Building Renovations
    - Plastics
  - The Village
    - 150 yr bicentennial
      - Who is on the committees? Anne/Kirsten follow up with Mayor on how to join them
    - Earth Month
      - Riversweep
      - Pollinator Gardens
  - School board
  - SPEAR
- Call for Volunteers! - Click to view our calendar and events to join!
  - 📅 Sustainable Sleepy Hollow 2024 Volunteer Events Calendar
    - Vine Squad - removal locations and dates before end of March
    - Riverkeeper - Riversweep clean up May 4th at Horan's Landing
    - TASH Coordinating for the season
      - Anne led last year and will lead again this year but would like a partner to schedule a program for each weekend
        - For Kids: Create art from garbage with Eco Club
        - Call for ideas
- Complete Streets

- Kersten Harries & Jerrod Rodriguez are reviewing Sarah & Anne's edits to then add to the BOT's agenda for reapproval
  - Anne working with "Livable Tarrytowns" after 2 pedestrian fatalities at intersection of Rte 9 & McHeel
- SPEAR plans
  - Native plant sale
  - Digital compost education
  - First fundraiser raised \$178