

February 5, 2024

SSH Meeting

Location: Village Hall & Zoom

Attendees:

Notetaker: Kirsten McLaughlin

1. Introductions

- a. Rachael S
- b. Kirsten M
- c. Susanne J
- d. Anne W
- e. Deb W
- f. Carol V
- g. Erin C
- h. Jared
- i. Kiko B
- j. Sarah S
- k. Diana L
- l. Char Weigel
- m. Gina Carey
- n. Dan Convissor

2. Communications

- a. Confirmed Sustainable Sleepy Hollow with Mayor
 - i. Public facing can use SSH, for official purposes must break down SHEAC & CSC
- b. Incorporating SSH website into Village website
 - i. Kiko and communications team will create a direct link to the village site - expecting to finish in April
 - ii. Char, Carol, Kirsten, Erin, Kiko, Sarah, Rachael not getting village newsletter
- c. For the newsletter - Idea of adding 2-3 questions for running trustees regarding environmental concerns
 - 1. Feb 16th is the last date for people to announce running for Trustees
 - ii. If have any questions send them to Livable Tarrytown or Bike Tarrytown and they will create a survey
 - iii. Jared will send to Josh the village attorney
 - iv. Mayor delaying "Greening the village" from this newsletter to a later one until the new Parks advisory - Glen Rosenbloom heading - until receives their input
 - 1. Susanne Jones meeting with Glen to see where we can collaborate

3. Climate Action Plan

- a. Focus Groups - First community workshop in Jan.
 - i. 2 focus groups on zoom
 - 1. Transportation with village Transportation Committee & Bike Tarrytown
 - a. Includes Mayor Rutyna, Trustee Jared Rodriguez, Trustee Lauren Connell, - anyone who would like to join let Sarah know and she will email the group - Feb 13th at 5pm
 - 2. Planning Board
 - a. Also on zoom Feb 28th at 5:30pm
- b. Community Workshop - March 6th
 - i. Topic is "Developing Strategies" at the Senior Center
 - 1. Char & Gina working with Sarah on the flyer
 - ii. The 3rd workshop will be Wednesday May 1st at Morse School 6pm
 - 1. "Taking Action"

4. Horan's Landing Sewer Outflow

- a. Village letter to County - update on raw sewage outflow into the Hudson
 - i. The county responded to the letter elevating the sewage to "Emergency" Status although no news yet as to what or when a result will arise
 - 1. Save the Sound brought a federal lawsuit under the clean water act regarding level of contamination, specifically sewage contamination of stormwater. 21 years later they won the suit. A half of the towns are making upgrades and other towns are continuing the suit
 - a. Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Harrison, White Plains,
 - 2. The outfall is based on piping down to Yonkers with emergency release valve at Horan's Landing
 - 3. Any suit would likely have to include all municipalities west of White Plains up to Ossining together
 - 4. Ossining won state grant to upgrade drinking water
 - 5. Tracy Brown was head of Save the Sound so we should ask her
 - 6. We could create a stormwater utility fee that would pay for upgrades to stormwater management
 - a. Encourages people to add permeability to their property or pay based on impermeability.
 - b. Provide incentives, reductions for those to add permeability
 - ii. Green infrastructure method of stormwater mitigation also could be part of Climate Action Plan
 - 1. Policies created with a tax incentive or other to
 - 2. Take action to encourage efficiency within houses
 - a. Idea to include this as suggestion to BOT
 - 3. Stormwater vs wastewater

- a. Problem in SH is that they end of being combined - we are in non compliance with the EPA
 - 4. Marjorie presented to BOT on creating community garden to manage stormwater at Barnhart
 - a. Idea of adding Rain Barrel campaign or sale this year
 - i. *Maybe for the Earth Day Festival?
 - b. Signage & Warnings
 - i. Carol created and circulated ideas
 - ii. Carol signed up for "Right to know" offered from the state. Next step is to send to the Mayor
 - iii. Question on who is meant to be reporting outflows and clear communication on when it is safe again
 - iv. Idea of also doing the same around the Pocantico River
 - v. How can we set up regular testing? There is a regular group of people working on this at Kingsland and hopefully Horan's as well
- 5. Complete Streets Policy
 - a. Anne/Sarah/Jared/Kirsten Harries/Erin are completing the updated policy and hoping to have final draft this week to present Board of Trustees in Feb
- 6. Earth Month collaboration with TEAC
 - a. April 6th - Compost Giveback Day
 - i. At the High school this year so could be at the same time as TASH
 - b. April 7th - John Paulding Community Garden Clean-up
 - c. April 13th - Saturday Academy - Theme is "Plastics or Planet"
 - d. April 14th (daytime) - Family Friendly Hike
 - e. April 14th (evening) - Family Friendly Movie & Snacks
 - f. April 20th - SH 150th anniversary Earth Day Festival
 - i. If anyone want to join the Subcommittee for Earth Day Festival please email Kirsten (One time only Planning event)
 - g. April 21 - 10591 Clean-Up Day
 - i. During School District Break but think great for whole 2 villages with neighborhoods to choose microsites
 - h. April 27 - Village-wide Free Day (a tag sale where everything is free)
 - i. Need to present to BOT for approval
 - i. April 28 - Repair Cafe at SH Senior Center
 - j. May 4th - Riverkeeper Sweep - Tarrytown takes southern parks and SH takes northern
- 7. CEC Grant Opportunity
 - a. Sarah & Kirsten spoke with CEC about the \$50k grant
 - i. Once announced publicly we have 3 months to allocate the funds
- 8. Greening the Village

- a. East Parcel update - Mayor advised grading is complete
 - b. Community Garden update - Would be raised beds so should not have any concern about contaminated soil at Barnhart Park
 - i. Updating the fields
 - 1. Susanne will send Mayor information on grass field vs turf/vinyl that is proposed
 - 2. Pediatric research on toxicity supporting our concerns
 - 3. We will add to trustee meeting
 - c. Trees: commission update, inventory, village code
 - i. 150 tree planting is a public and private venture
 - ii. Erin & Kerstin Harries wrote grant for trees
 - iii. Former Tree Committee focused on tree removal on private property and Planning Board handled appeals
 - 1. Now tree code revision and in position with fresh tree inventory and building street tree
 - 2. Lots of old stumps needing removal have not been replaced and when trees are removed need to quickly replace
 - 3. Goals
 - a. Looking at better types of trees to plant in urban, private and park spaces
 - b. Planting Westchester website has great advice on how to
 - c. Public accounting and recording of tree inventory and their management
 - d. Education and Outreach
 - e. Idea of if private residents want trees then in theory the village could plant it for them
 - f. Pleasantville has a 50/50 partnership
 - d. Green Infrastructure - policy and projects
9. Thermal Energy Networks - set up separate meeting to brainstorm possibilities
- a. Existing stormwater pipes throughout the village are needing to be replaced
 - b. While the pipes under the streets are being renovated this is an opportunity for geothermal networks - Thermal energy storage, solar thermal, sewer thermal, geothermal, grocery store heat
 - c. Funding is available for municipalities to do this
 - d. Need to figure out the best approach
 - e. Let Sarah know if interested in joining
 - f. Legislation across the country is changing utility requirements of gas delivery so could request this of ConEd or the village has always been allowed to do it
10. Zero Waste
- a. Mayor's request for more recycling promotion
11. Update to BOT - Feb 20th

- a. Need to submit agenda for the 15th
- 12. SHEAC vacancy
- 13. Fremont Pond study / remediation project
- 14. Redesign Route 9 workshop - DOT scheduled first public workshop
 - a. Hastings/Yonkers border up to Old Dutch Church Sleepy Hollow
 - i. SH wants to include up to 117
 - b. Held at Tarrytown Senior Center - 238 West Main St on Thursday March 7th at 6-8 pm
 - c. Consultants, village representatives, DOT