

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow - Monthly Meeting Notes
April 1, 2024

Attendees: Anne, Deb, Arline, Gina, Kiko, Susanne, Sarah; on zoom: Char, Edith, Dan, Rachael; Mayor Rutyna joined for part of meeting
Notetaker: Sarah

Intro Question: What are you looking forward to this Spring?

Earth Month + Riversweep & Pocantico Community Day

- Char will report sign-ups to activity lead volunteers
- Char and Rachel (TEAC) purchased "Say No to Plastics" buttons for volunteers
- 4/6 Compost Giveback Day
 - SPEAR will table; Eco Club (led by Gabi & Ali) will do planting activity, TEAC giving away seeds
 - Need to direct people to the right place - behind Admin Building
 - Leftover compost will go to community gardens, Eco Club
 - Susanne sending info to PMIA, SHMA; Anne sending to Garden Club; Dr. Sanchez sending in his e-newsletter
- 4/7 Community Garden Clean-Up/Prep across from Village Hall
 - Led by Susanne and Arline
 - Rachael started Google Doc to plan garden
 - Need funds - maybe start GoFundMe campaign like Tarrytown did
 - Mayor can provide some funds, gofundme needs to be administered by a local non-profit, likely we can find one to do that
- 4/13 Saturday Academy
 - Rachael, Gabi, and Kiko making posters
 - Raffle - basket of replacements for disposable items; trying to source locally; Kiko will report back if more is needed
 - Include sign-up sheet for 4/21 Clean Up Day, then send sign-up sheet to Char
- 4/14 Nature Walk - Rachael, Gabi, Dan
- 4/20 Sykes Park Celebration
 - 12pm tree planting
 - Giving away tree seedlings; Char making certificates for people who plant trees at home so they'll be counted as part of the 150 trees
 - Matt Arone asking food truck vendors to help make zero waste event; if it is Zero Waste, Kiko will do a "sort it out" demo
 - Tables: Community Garden, Arborist, SSH
 - "Treemonitor" (like thermometer) - created by students and DPW, will track how many trees are planted; name of person/org planting a tree will be on leaf added to the tree, will be set up outside Village Hall
 - Mayor will look into getting sign easels - Kiko will follow up.

- Mayor will hold off on newsletter until our info is ready to include; village will send weekly alerts for events, also will be on website
- 4/21 Clean Up at Patriots Park
 - Susanne leading
 - 10am-12pm; maps for routes, end up back at Patriot's
 - Girl Scout troops may help - Jenn Waltman new head of all troops
 - Check with Diana about recruiting volunteers; Char asked her to post to her FB groups
- 4/28 Repair Cafe
 - Gina leading
 - SH Senior Center
 - Currently have 15 volunteers, could use more repair coaches (textiles, mechanical), also welcome general volunteers to direct people, etc.
- 5/4 Riverkeeper Sweep
 - Char leading
 - Losee Park to Kingsland Point Park
- 5/18 Community Day at Pocantico Center
 - Arline, Edith, Susanne

CAP update

- Updates to website from 2nd workshop are pending
- 3rd Community Workshop May 1st at Morse School.
 - Suggestions for VHB: shorter (no?) presentation, different voting method (no stickers), more visuals/maps, science fair style exhibits
 - Waiting to hear back from Boy Scouts if they can build model of stormwater mitigation

Branded Material

- Sustainable SH banners & Social media art in Eng/Spanish
 - Melissa starting on artwork this weekend
- Compost banner will be put up at Morse next week

CEC Grant

- Pursuing solar installation at Village Hall
- Village grant writer is working on getting quote
- Sarah suggested adding battery storage

Zero Waste Updates

- Morse Update - about to start composting
- Field Trips - Try to schedule CompostEd and/or Stone Barns for May
- Collecting Data - VHB consultants did not have any additional info; Kirsten gets food scrap data

Complete Streets Policy

- BOT getting closer to final version; expect it to be on next work session agenda

Route 9 DOT Planning

- Workshop with DOT was great, now they need to implement it
- Dan will report back after next Rt 9 committee meeting

Horan's Landing Signage

- Susanne will send our draft language to Mayor (there was miscommunication about draft coming from the County)
- Anne will ask Anthony who is responsible for reporting outflows; she has not gotten any alerts

Artificial Turf Letter

- Mayor sent letter to trustees, they will discuss after the budget is settled

SSH Vacancy

- Mayor will announce vacancy in newsletter, call for volunteers

SSH Storage

- Mayor trying to find space, hard to find something on first floor; looking at Union Hose firehouse options

Open Space Committee - artwork

- Lisa Reich donating sculpture, location tbd; Anne - if it has water component, requested that it be solar powered

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

- Mayor signed pledge to promote planting milkweed/pollinator habitat
- Not sure if Village has pesticides policy, other than meeting legal requirements

Rivertowns Environmental Working Group

- Good turnout at last meeting, will meet every 3 months
- Next meeting May 5th

Film Screening - "The Streets Project"

- Anne saw movie in Pleasantville, hosted by Films On Purpose, connected with Pleasantville Pedestrian Committee members

Tree Commission Webpage

- Add page to SSH website until new village website is up
- Include link to Google Form for tree requests; Char receives responses

Next meeting: Monday, May 6th