

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow (SSH) Meeting – January 6, 2025 - Notes

1. Introductions
 - a. Anne White, Sarah Smiley, Kiko Bourne, Deb Wood, Susanne Jones, Arlene Siegel, Gina Carey, Char Weigel, Dan Convissor, Joe, Nick (new joiner), Carol Vinzant, Ginger Lindsy, Edith Zavalia, Rachael Sokolowski
 - i. Nick is a resident since 2016 and passionate about trees in Barnhart, pollinator gardens and fruit trees
 - b. 2024 Accomplishments (Kirsten McLaughlin)
2. New Business:
 - a. Recap CSC + SHEAC = SSH (Susanne Jones)
 - i. Climate Smart Communities
 - ii. Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
 - iii. Thank you from Susanne to Anne for her service
 - iv. SSH Co-Chair vote to approve Char as new Co-Chair
 1. Susanne proposed
 2. Anne Seconded
 3. Kiko Third
 - a. Unanimous decision
 - b. 2025 priorities
 - i. 2025 Event Input (Char Weigel)
 1. SSH Member survey: <https://forms.gle/nZjY43RNQjKr9VXg8>
 - a. Char will send this out as a separate email to everyone in the meetings to then prepare with ideas to prepare for planning discussions with TEAC on earth month and beyond
 - ii. Zero Waste
 1. Pick target zero waste festival event(s) (Kirsten McLaughlin)
 - i. Tentatively July Mermaid Festival - need volunteers in July
 - ii. Partner with TUFSD MS/HS Community Service (Service Coordinator Mike Gargiulo)
 2. One of Diana's event(s) (Kirsten McLaughlin)
 3. "Show on the road" (Kiko Bourne)
 - i. Pilot at Kendal - Kiko will email Principal Walley on seeing if some Morse students would be interested as waste warriors to join the education at Kendal
 1. An idea for a 2 hour event with the kids doing a presentation in the middle
 2. Focus on waste sorting and education on where our waste goes

3. Younger kids to present alongside perhaps a HS student to show graphics and statistics to supplement from a different angle
 - a. Perhaps the Scouts
 - b. Anne will work closely with Kiko along with a group of Kendal residents that are interested
 - iii. Ideas for a 2nd target
 1. Village employees, DPW, administration, Police & Fire department
 2. Pocantico Center conference center
 3. Christ Church Episcopal
 4. JCC
 5. Phelps
6. Promote Village commitment to “Helpsy” - textile pickup in newsletter (Kiko Bourne)
 - a. This is a program to truly shred and recycle vs re-use / donate
 - b. We should elaborate on the “why” and how they are different from donating
 - c. This is a different company to the Green bins at the TASH, Trilogy Consignment, and Tarrytown Train Station
 - d. Possibly include them in an event for a big drop off to let people know what it is in person
- iv. CAP Implementation (Sarah Smiley)

(<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0a89c88950af456bb56f57f470c0adc2>)

 1. Potential workshop to brief SSH members
 2. SSH take lead in pushing for implementation
 3. The final action should be shared shortly. Background, this is a good plan for what the village can do to help our village stay sustainable in climate change. The SSH will be responsible for then helping the village stay on track with the plan
- v. Liaisons/monitor volunteers and/or working groups (Char)
 1. Village Plans and Developments: Anne White
 2. Parks Budget: Susanne Jones
 3. TUFSD: Kiko Bourne
 4. Grant Opportunities (Rockefeller’s Brother Fund (RBF), Corporate [e.g., Pepsi, IBM, others], DEC): _____
 5. New York Forward: Susanne Jones
 6. Complete Streets: Dan Convissor
 7. Beautification (Arts and Placemaking*td) Committee: Gina Carey
 - a. Pollinator Pathway: Rachael Sokolowski - and consider how overlaps with parks, TUSFD, and other
 8. Tree Commission: Char Weigel and Susanne Jones

9. Local Development Commission (LDC): _____
 10. TEAC: Kiko Bourne
 11. DeCicco: Sarah Smiley
 12. Others
- vi. Presence at ongoing events- capacity discussion
1. Please fill out the [SSH MEMBER SURVEY](#) (also above)
 2. Messaging for the year
 - a. Continued discussion on food scrap education and collection
 - b. Pilot e-waste initiative
 - c. Promote textile recycling - Helpsy
 3. The TaSH - up to 7 events (Kirsten McLaughlin)
 - i. Idea to have planned one children's activity each month
 - ii. Volunteers are key (set up by 8:15, staffing during event, take down after 1:30)
 4. Horseman Saturday (Saturday Academy) (Susanne Jones)
 - i. April 2025 - last year we demonstrated how different materials break down in water
- vii. Communications
1. Website: Village webpage and SSH Website and newsletter (Kiko Bourne)
 - i. Resources section
 - ii. Opt-in to monthly agenda newsletter
 - iii. Set up a meeting with Burns Patterson - Gina, Kiko, Char
 1. Kiko will start an agenda for his discussion including Youtube page and the waste education campaign videos
 2. Mayor newsletter (Char Weigel)
 3. Instagram (Gina Carey)
- viii. Ongoing working topics (Char Weigel)
1. Sustainability staff capacity (Anne White)
 - a. The sustainability part time worker in Irvington will share her hours, accomplishments, and capital raised for us to review and see how it could help SH
 2. Zoning and growth plans (Kirsten McLaughlin)
 - a. Sarah advised that the village has a Clean Energy Code grant to review the building and zoning codes.
 - b. NYSERDA is using SH and VHB to pilot this grant
 3. Add outdoor recycling/food scrap bins with signage and water refill stations (Kirsten McLaughlin)
 - a. Adding spanish signage to the existing bins
 - i. Nick created laminated signs for the Elm St bins and will share the graphics with Kirsten to bring to the DPW for getting costs on creating permanent signs
 - ii. Costs for water refill stations (
 4. Thermal Energy Network (Sarah Smiley)

- a. Network of geothermal pipes, or capturing waste heats from the sewer line. Pilot programs that the state ordered. Massachusetts just completed their pilot program and passed legislation for this to be the new requirement
 - b. If the village is going to dig up to reline water pipes then this is a great opportunity
 - 5. Letter of support to PEARL for environmental education center (Kiko Bourne)
 - a. Non-profit composed of - Marine biologists and TUFSD and Pace are working on creating the education center down at the Tarrytown docs
 - b. Kiko will share the letter explaining what they are doing and the grant application so that SSH can review if we should have a letter of support
 - 6. We need to create a budget so that we can share with the BOT for capital
 - a. Anne shared that the audit is taking a lot of time
 - b. Kiko owns the document and Susanne will circulate it so we can add to it
- 3. Old Business
 - a. Logo Re-design Update (Gina Carey)
 - i. General consensus is that we love it and want to change just the border to use a green that is already there, the trees or the grass
 - ii. Make a duplicate in spanish
 - iii. Add the printing of it to an operating budget or should we talk to Diana about that budget
- 4. Liaison/monitor and other brief updates
 - a. Friends of Sleepy Hollow (Susanne Jones)
 - i. Susanne had a meeting with Glen Rosenblum (advisor to the parks department), Mayor Rutyna, Anthony Giaccio to set up a 501C3 to raise money
 - ii. It is not limited to any particular area and will include anything that the village wants to work on with donated funds
 - iii. There is a tax exempt number and is looking for people to populate the board
 - iv. Open call for board including President, VP, Treasurer, etc. talk to Mayor Rutyna
 - v. SSH could partner with them for specific fund raising we want
 - vi. Also could apply for grants
 - vii. Donations can be made restricted to certain village endeavors, i.e. SSH
 - b. Regional Collaboration Outreach (Anne White)

- i. Working with Haven Colgate Rivertowns Environmental Collaboration and Pocantico River Watershed Alliance
 - c. FYI: Rotary Presentation (3/12) and Community Coalition (4/7)
 - i. Meets the first month of every month
 - ii. Char will be presenting on SSH at the Community Coalition
 - d. Monthly riverwalk clean ups - connect with Char if you would like to volunteer
5. Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 7 pm