

December 2, 2024

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow meeting

7:00pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Holiday Party



Bring your favorite holiday treat to share

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions - Susanne Jones, Anne White, Sarah Smiley, Kirsten McLaughlin,
- 2) Update on November events
 - a) 11/9 CSC at the TaSH - Sarah volunteered first half and Kirsten the 2nd half. We promoted geothermal, had dryer ball giveaways from the Sustainable Westchester. Otherwise low sign ups as it was a cold and windy day so low foot traffic
 - b) 11/20 Arbor Day in SH - not well attended and not well promoted by the Village. People attended from the Life Center
 - c) 11/22 Climate Change workshop at Pace University - EAC from different towns. Ellen Myersen was involved in the early days of environmental education. Professor Nolan who runs the land use center and the resource of land use staff for support of incorporating plans into village action
- 3) Upcoming Events
 - a) 12/7 "Pumpkin Smash" at Peabody Preserve 11-1pm
 - i) Run by lead volunteer Carol Vinzant.
 - (1) There will be a ladder fire truck and pumpkin smash
 - (2) Pumpkin slingshot
 - (3) using the compost mound that SHEAC provided last year
 - (4) Open for more volunteers
 - (a) Kirsten McLaughlin
 - (b) Suzanne Jones
 - (c) Possibly Gabi
 - (5) Activities
 - (a) Kids ideas to educate on methane and ghg production
 - (b) Methane production science experiment
 - (c) pumpkin seed activity
 - (6) Food
 - (a) melissa (?) will bring muffins
 - (b) hot cider
 - b) 12/11 Rotary Club SSH presentation

- c) 12/14 "Winter Stroll"
 - i) Kerstin Harrie's snowflake community art. If you want to contribute please contact Kerstin by Dec 7th at art.Kerstinharries.com
- 4) Tree Commission
 - a) 11/17 Vine loppers Workshop at WCC
 - i) Q&A and presentation by prism (invasive species management group)
 - (1) spring through the fall Americor volunteers called the 'strikeforce' are in the field to eliminate newly emerging invasive species (not existing ones)
 - (2) they are able to see the newly emerging invasives by tapping into data from iNaturalist app (if you don't already have it downloaded then please do!)
 - b) Stakes and tree tags for new street trees
 - i) Stakes and tags will go out over the next week
 - ii) if you see any that are in problematic locations then look at the tags and contact Kevin Smith to have the tree moved
 - c) Bareroot tree give-away to residents in December (by email request)
 - i) Any resident can email the tree commission to request one
150treesforsh@gmail.com
 - ii) Joe Dunnigan is writing a thesis on the post burn site in Peekskill and Buttonbush reserve to evaluate what grows quickly on post burn sites.
 - (1) Defending the thesis Dec'25
 - d) Tree at SH/MS slated for removal due to construction. Inquiry from TT Tree Commission ref joint statement
 - i) evaluating due diligence on what the plans are to remove a redwood tree. Brian Freed from the school district advised it will not happen for another 2 years
- 5) East Parcel - proposal for permeable surfaces at skate park/tennis court/promenade
 - a) second bioswale recently approved for any impermeable surfaces with native species and there is also an already approved site running along the east side of the metro north tracks with native species
 - b) pretension concrete pad would be impermeable for the courts
 - c) there are state DEC rules that you cannot have runoff from the site into the river
 - d) The question is where permeable pavers would be most useful in the village. idea to focus on the urban area
 - i) there is a grant for permeable pavers to go in the promenade in the spring
- 6) Budget requests
 - a) SSH would like to ask for a budget
 - i) Operational costs
 - (1) Commercial canva account
 - (2) Collaborate with other environmental organizations

- ii) Capital costs
 - (1) Recycling / Compost bins
 - (2) Water filling station
 - (3) Enhancing compost
 - (4) Enhance native species perennial landscaping
 - (5) Ensure that execution of commitments made are budgeted
 - (a) i.e. transportation commitments for complete streets
 - b) Kiko will start a google doc to brainstorm
- 7) Other Updates
- a) Volunteer opportunity to work with Wendy Talio on the Strand
 - b) Fay Serafica appointed to head Art and Public Spaces Committee
 - i) Working on the plan to have more artist murals and bringing more greenery to SH
 - ii) Lisa at the Edge had offered to propose sculpting
 - iii) Looking for volunteers to join the committee.
 - (1) Mayor has a list of applicants but more is welcome
 - (2) Anne will connect with Faye on the previous committee
 - c) DOT Route 9 letter has been successfully received.
 - i) Thank you to the Mayor and Trustee Rodriguez!
 - ii) Does the SSH want to write a letter to the DOT requesting to protect the Ginko tree on route 9 in front of the immaculate conception church?
 - d) Livable Tarrytowns thread on Geothermal networks
 - i) allows people to connect people with local heat
 - e) Trustee Rodriguez may host an education event in January at the Warner Library
 - i) We could link up with Croton100 for additional lectures in the village
 - (1) <https://croton100.org/>

Next meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:00pm

- 1) Agenda ideas
 - a) Accomplishments of 2024
 - b) Brainstorm Plan for 2025
 - i) Grant for village employee to spend time on environmental sustainability (i.e. if there were an assistant village administrator then this is part of their responsibilities)
 - ii) Ensure that environmental display is included in the village welcome center as part of the Strand