



## Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2025

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Attendees: Stephanie Smith-Morrane, Susanne Jones, Char Wiegel, Kiko Bourne, Arlene Siegel, Gina Carey, Sarah Smiley, Dan Convissor, Kirsten McLaughlin, Adanhyr Morocho, Carol Vincent

on zoom: Deb Wood, Rachael Sokolowski, Nick Kozak, Barbara Carr

Notetaker: Char Wiegel

### Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
2. Discussion: Earth Month (15 min) - Kiko Bourne & Susanne Jones
  - a. Theme chosen by International org: "Our Power, Our Planet"
  - b. Events
    - i. April 5 - Green Horsemen Family Saturday/Village of Sleepy Hollow Earth Month - big success
      1. First time it was a combined effort with the school and the school would like to do it again next year. The village supports this, and Diana is committed to having it in her 2025/2026 budget
      2. Next year the holidays and spring break are in March, we will try to have this on the last weekend in April 2025. Have ask out to Rotary for their Duck Derby date so we can plan around it.
    - ii. April 6 - Energy-Smart House Tour
    - iii. April 10 - Unearth Documentary Film at Pocantico Center (6:30-8:30pm)
    - iv. April 12 - Compost Giveback Day, TUFSD Admin building parking (9-12pm)
      1. DeCicco's sponsoring with free apple for everyone
      2. Need two volunteers for 8:30-10:30 and two for 10:30 - 12:30
      3. MaryJane Shimsky wants to make proclamation on 5th annual in 2027
    - v. April 12 - RiverWalk Flash Clean Up & Horan's Landing water quality testing
    - vi. April 21 & April 22 - village BoT meetings to discuss environmental priorities for the village
      1. Sleepy Hollow is T, 4/22; Kiko, Gina & Arlene will attend
      2. Kiko will kick off. If little children come to speak, they go first. 60 seconds per person

3. Everyone should ask their friends and use their contact list to ask people to attend.
- vii. April 26 - Neperan Park - Earth Month Celebration
- viii. April 27 - Lyndhurst Estate Free Seeding & Vine Cutting Event
  1. Morning Bird Walk with experienced 'birder'
  2. SH & Tarrytown Village wide Free Day
  3. Earth Month Clean up at Neperan
- ix. May 3 - Riverkeeper Sweep - two events jointly marketed
  1. Sleepy Hollow: Horan's Landing Park to Kingsland (including pre-approved SUP)
  2. Tarrytown: Losee Park heading North
- x. Update from Safe Streets for All Meeting on March 20th (Susanne)
  1. Hitting as many population targets as possible. Identified targets on map of areas where people feel unsafe. Survey open until end of April (Tarrytown village website).
3. Discussion: Other Potential Events for Tabling/Volunteering\* (10 min) - Char Weigel
  - a. Mermaid Festival confirmed July 19, 12pm-4pm. - follow up
    - i. Gina will ask TaSH for their standard vendor language.
      1. All food will be in one place. Gina is speaking with vendors about not having plastic.
      2. Kirsten H-M will lead with Adanhyr and will work with Gina to get idea of number of stations and work out volunteers. Once we have the details, Char will post on Volunteer NY
      3. Will ask to have some signage at Rachael's lemonade stand
      4. Adanhyr will get 4-5 volunteers from the high school.
  - b. May TaSH - monarch education. (5 min)
    - i. Mother's Day market back on the TASH website for May 10th
    - ii. Arlene, Kirsten H-M, Adanhyr & Carol (Adanhyr wants to help plan)
    - iii. Suzanne and Carol will do materials
    - iv. Kirsten needs to reach out to TaSH market manager: Linda Eder, [linda@tashfarmersmarket.org](mailto:linda@tashfarmersmarket.org)
- c. June 7th Music Festival - not volunteering but want to encourage village to do zero waste
  - i. Have conversation with Village to see if they can reduce waste
  - ii. Kirsten H-M, Gina, Char to talk to Anthony to see if can include in food vendor contracts or if village can otherwise exert their power on vendors.
  - iii. We will not staff it per se.
- d. August - TASH tabling opportunity (Kirsten)
  - i. Possible theme or promoting recycling initiatives such as plastic bags, batteries, etc. "lessor known recycling" items - awareness of local places and refer to page on SSH webpage with QR code
  - ii. Kirsten is considering first or second weekend
    1. Rachael, Sarah and Adanhyr could do 8/2 or 8/9

- a. Could Rachael consider what could be a craft or activity with scraps of fabric?
  - 2. Kirsten will coordinate. Adenhyr would like to plan it with her.
- e. September or October - Eco Fair in September
  - i. Kirsten will volunteer
  - ii. Adenhyr would like to plan it with her.
  - iii. TEAC is considering third or fourth Saturday in September. TBD.
- f. Pumpkin Chunkin - November,
  - i. We are not sure if the Village is doing this one... it is not on the printed calendar. If they are we will try to table.
- g. Pumpkin Smash - Early December- Carol - Peabody
  - i. Definitely table at this one!
- 4. Old Business
  - a. Operating budget update (2 min) - Char Weigel
    - i. SSH is successfully part of Diana's budget for \$2,000 this year.
    - ii. If you want something laminated or color printed, then give Diana one week notice and she offered to do it for us
  - b. Capital budget items - (2 min) - Susanne Jones - water refill stations, bins, and signage
    - i. Budget not finalized but these items are still in
  - c. Climate Action Plan update (2 min) - Sarah Smiley
    - i. VHB submitted final version. Grant writer has sent to DEC to review and give feedback. Then will present to BOT. BOT need to vote to accept plan (but that is not commitment to do everything in it). Then we can give our priorities to the Village and ask them to adopt a resilience mindset. Maybe we should present to DPW and Parks/Rec staff to let them know about plan.
  - d. Devries Park grant statement (2 min) - Susanne Jones
    - i. Village has taken action on this to build new pickleball court.
  - e. Food Scrap Study (2 min) - Kiko Bourne
    - i. Awaiting news of next meeting timing
- 5. Committee Liaison Updates
  - a. APC - Fay Serafica (5 min)
    - i. Susanne reported that Fay has altered the proposal for their budget. Susanne will get updated budget and circulate by email for input.
- 6. SSH Banner - (Char)
  - a. The challenge is to have an educational banner that is a call to action rather than just a statement of our existence
    - i. Char mocked one up and will request feedback
- 7. New Business
  - a. Nick Kozak created signage in Spanish and English. DPW will make them smaller and wind resistant for other locations.
  - b. Salt threatens NY waterway (Kiko)

- i. NYC reservoirs, esp. Croton, seeing an increase in salination. Drinkability is threatened. Susanne has sent informational material to Matt and will let Kevin know.
  - c. PEARL/Billion Oyster Project (Char)
    - i. They have a meeting space at the WI boat club in Tarrytown. Nonprofits may use it as well
    - ii. There will be a trailer used as the lab
    - iii. Meeting happening this week to see if we can bring the Billion Oyster Project to Horan's project in combination with water testing. There is a new reef already committed to in Piermont so that would happen first.
    - iv. HS school students could be involved, they could be in the water doing testing, etc.
  - d. Arlene - When she converted from gas to electric could not use old heat pumps. Only 2 years old and Arlene is offering free but someone would need to pay to be installed. Please let anyone who might want free heat pumps know. Carol suggested she contact ReStore in Danbury.
  - e. Community Food Garden at Barnhardt. New fence coming in that is deer-proof. Matt has marked it off. Not sure if will be up and running for this year but soon. Raised beds. Some will be higher for those who cannot bend over. Fay from APC is getting involved in appearance.
  - f. Kiko asked for lawn signs to repurpose for compost giveback day. Kirsten Herries and Dan are good sources.
  - g. Gina - suggested asking candidates to make paper signs rather than plastic to reduce campaign waste.
8. Next Meeting: May 2 , Village Hall & Zoom
9. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

**\*Additional events for potential tabling/volunteering**

**May** (April covered under Earth Month Discussion)

· **May 3, 10 am - 1pm:** Riverkeeper Sweep: Joint TEAC/SSH event and considered it an Earth Month event. Char will coordinate again with Tara Scheller as co-lead doing the SUP-based water clean up again.

· **May 3, 10 am – 1pm :**

(1) Diana coordinating downtown with volunteers from downtown. SSH opportunity to help and in the end combine volunteers to have pizza together at Hollywood Pizza.

(2) Barnhardt Park tree planting where we will name the tree and have small ribbon cutting (Char)

· **Saturday, May 10 – likely 9:30 – 1:30 pm** - TaSH Mother's Day Market in Patriots Park

· **Saturday, May 24, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm** – Patriots Park. Likely opening day for TaSH summer market and Memorial Day special programming.

## June

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park
- **Saturday, June 7** – Sleepy Hollow Music Festival
- **Saturday, June 14, 10 am – 11 am:** Monthly RiverWalk Flash Clean Up and Horan's Landing water testing. Char and Joe will lead and publicize the general public for volunteers. Does not require additional SSH volunteers unless they want to participate.

## July

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park
- **Saturday, July 12, 10 am – 11 am:** Monthly RiverWalk Flash Clean Up and Horan's Landing water testing.
- **Saturday, July 19** – Mermaid Festival - Confirmed date for Kingsland Park

## August

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park
- **Saturday, August 9, 10 am – 11 am:** Monthly RiverWalk Flash Clean Up and Horan's Landing water testing.
- Sunday, August 17, 3-8 pm: Westchester Roots Ecuadorian Festival, Barnhardt Park

## September

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park
- **Saturday, September 6** – Cultural Festival, Kingsland Point Park. Rain date of Sunday Sept. 7
- **Saturday, September 13, 10 am – 11 am:** Monthly RiverWalk Flash Clean Up and Horan's Landing water testing.
- **Saturday, September 20 10 am – 4 pm:** Sleepy Hollow Street Fair, Beekman Ave. We talked about maybe not tabling
- **Saturday September 27 1pm-5pm:** Oktoberfest at Kingsland Point Park. We would not typically table
- September - Craft Fair?

## October

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park. Do we usually do an Eco-Fair this month?
- **Saturday, October 4, 11 am** - Kids Pumpkin Decorating Devries Park
- **Saturday, October 11, 10 am – 11 am:** Monthly RiverWalk Flash Clean Up and Horan's Landing water testing.

- **Sunday, October 5, 10 am** - Make -A-Wish “Walk for Wishes” at Kingsland Park
- **Sunday, October 12, Noon - ?** – SUP Witches Paddleboard Costume Event and Festival at Kingsland
- **Friday, October 17, eve** – Block Party and Haunted Hayrides
- **Saturday, October 18 eve** – Block Party and Haunted Hayrides
- **Saturday, October 25, 9:30 am** – Halloween 10 K Costume Run
- **Saturday, October 25, 2pm – 4 pm-** Truck or Treat
- **Saturday, October 25** – Halloween Parade, 5 pm (likely date – have to confirm)
- No date listed for Craft Fair

### **November**

- **Every Saturday, 8:30 – 1:30 pm** – The TaSH Market in Patriots Park.
- **November 20** - Sleepy Hollow Arbor Day
- Pumpkin Chuckin?

### **December**

- **Friday, December 5, 6 pm – 8:30 pm** - SH Tree Lighting, Cookies w/ Santa and Carriage Rides at Village Hall
- **Saturday, December 6, 2pm – 6 pm** - TaSH Holiday Market and Patriots Park Tree Lighting

