

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting June 2, 2025

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Meeting ID: 886 0983 4663, Passcode: 208060

Attendees: Sarah, Kiko, Kersten Herries, Gina, Arlene, Anne, Susanne

On zoom: Kirsten H-M, Jared

Notetaker: Char Weigel

Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm

- 2. Discussion: May 10 TaSH Feedback (2 min) Kirsten
 - a. Stephanie and her daughter staffed it along with Kirsten H-M. Went well and Carol Vincant brought milkweed as well and gave away. Sold a food scrap bin. Interested in monarch butterflies and food scraps.
- 3. Discussion: Upcoming Event Status (15 minutes)
 - a. Discuss: Mermaid Festival July 19, 12pm-4pm. (Kirstin, Gina & Adanhyr)
 - i. Want two two hour shifts. Mermaid Festival will also ask for volunteers so looking for four/shift. Will have all food in one area. Kiko will advertize to MS Waste Warriors via principal of MS. Four per two hour slots starting noon and then at 2 pm. **Char t**o make Signup Genius. DPW will bring over all bins. Get compostable bin bags from shed in advance.
 - b. Discuss: June 7th Music Festival (Gina)
 - i. Kirsten and Gina are going to meet with Anthony and Matt Arone to address all festivals. Village did pass resolution that would have food scrap recycling at public events. Gina met Peter McCartt from County and is asking for rules that apply to all. Awaiting feedback.
 - c. Discuss: June 14 Riverkeeper "Great Fish" migration event
 - i. Riverkeeper did trial run and there is table of times. They will pass us at about 2:30 pm.
 - ii. Will include materials in our upcoming newsletter and Gina has on Instagram.



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| Location | City | Time (approximate) |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Riverside Park | NYC | 11:15-11:45 am |
| Fort Washington Park | NYC | 11:50 am-12:20 pm |
| Yonkers Waterfront Esplanade | Yonkers | 12:50-1:20 pm |
| MacEachron Waterfront Park | Hastings | 1:25-1:55 pm |
| Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park | Dobbs Ferry | 1:40-2:10 pm |
| Matthiessen Park | Irvington | 1:55-2:25 pm |
| Pierson Park | Tarrytown | 2:25-2:55 pm |
| Croton Point Park | Croton-on-Hudson | 3:30-4:00 pm |



iii.

- d. Discuss: Possible new event: The Great Oyster Count (Char)
 - i. Sunday, 9/7: <u>low tide</u>: 4:44 PM (<u>.11 ft</u>)
 - ii. Saturday, 9/13: low tide 8:56 AM (.31 ft)
 - iii. Sunday, 9/14: low tide 10:04 AM (.53 ft)
 - iv. Sunday, 9/21: low tide 4:48 PM (.26 ft) (Saturday is Street Fair)
 - v. Saturday, 10/4: low tide: 2:43 PM (.41 ft) (Kid Pumpkin Painting
 - vi. Sunday, 10/5: low tide: 3:33 PM (0.14 ft) (Make a Wish Walk 8:30 am)
 - vii. Monday, 10/6: low tide: 4:23 PM (-.07 ft)
 - viii. Saturday, 10/11: low tide: 07:44 AM (.1 ft) next day is SUP Witches
 - ix. Saturday, 11/1: low tide: 1:26 PM (.56 ft)
 - x. Sunday, 11/2: low tide: 1:19 PM (.25 ft)
 - xi. Wednesday, 11/5: low tide: 3:57 PM (-.38 ft)
 - 1. Anne would volunteer. Gina. Kiko will be out as well.
 - 2. Signs to say will not eat.
 - 3. Library Presentation or a Zoom.
 - 4. Can we get access to waders... do they have trove of waders. Ask RiverKeeper.
 - 5. Check with Tara.
 - 6. Pass messaging by everyone... carbon sequestration, resilient shoreline, cleaner water.
- e. Just to keep in mind
 - i. August TASH tabling opportunity (Kirsten)
 - ii. September or October Eco Fair in September (Kirstin and Adanhyr)
 - iii. Pumpkin Smash at Peabody Early December (Carol)
 - 1. Need to close loop with Carol to get on the calendar for this fall and 2026.

4. Old Business

- a. Climate Action Plan update (5 min) (Sarah)
 - i. June 17 presentation to BOT request to present to BOT

- 1. Community Workshop event in July + send it out for online feedback.
- 2. Bike Share, Electric Shuttle and Zoning Code Study are underway that give us points along with other activities but we are not going to be ready to submit for Silver in January.
- 3. We will go through Climate Action Plan
- 4. Jared said most time sensitive is anything tied in with NY Forward grant on Cortlandt St. We have a grant to study sponge city plan already. Need to look at how to advance NY Forward Project work with other grant money. Jared will get back to us on next steps.
- ii. Sleepy Hollow CAP award from Westchester Municipal Planning Federation - Award May 29 (Char)



- iii. Clean Energy Codes and Permitting Study
 - 1. Two focus groups
 - a. Thursday June 5 and June 24. Anne and Dan are representing SSH.
 - 2. Anne has link to DEC report that focus group members were given and she will share.
- b. Food Scrap Study (2 min)

- i. Andres Buck VHB has draft of study. We are waiting for draft. Jared said to look at model of Regional Sewer Authority.
- ii. We would love to see shared investment with other Rivertowns so we get one day a week each for the new fixed asset of a truck. Or have the County take the lead once the report is in.
- c. Beautification and Monarch Pledge @ Beekman Avenue, Valley St and Sykes Park (2 min) (Susanne)
 - i. Rachel Sokoloski cleaned up new garden on Beekman with Ryan (Landscaper) and doing second bed. Sykes got weed-wacked and Suanne gave Kevin huge sign that says "Pollinator Pathway" and he will look into small fence that goes around it. Kevin agreed to purchase milkweed for Sykes, Valley, Beekman which is essential for us to call ourselves Monarch Habitat. Susanne could use some volunteers for Valley St. next week.
 - ii. Kiko said Compost Ed is delivering to new Community Garden in Barnhardt.
 - iii. Bellwood and Rt. 9 corner has big mountains of wood chips that are available for people to take. Word of mouth.
- d. SSH Banner (2 min) (Char)



- i. Will get banner for table as well. Climate Smart Communities to third line.
- e. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) contract renewal (1 min) (Sarah)
 - Village adopted it.
- f. Leaf Blower Ban (10 min) (Char & Kiko)
 - i. Meeting next week
- g. Committee Liaison Updates (2 min)
 - i. June 10 Tree Commission Presentation BOT. Focus is on presentation
 - ii. Kiko said SHHS is no longer accepting plastic film. Stop And Shop and Home Depot. Kiko will put in newsletter.
 - iii. Anne led Kendal group with Kirsten and Diana to see Wishing Wall.

- iv. Wednesday, June 4. Mercy Dobbs Ferry Rt. 9 Meeting. 6 pm.
 - Plans will be available online and they will tell everyone what they came up with there. Encouraged to email them after and give feedback.
- h. Status of Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act (1 min)
 - Passed NYS Senate and next try to get through House. Can call MaryJane Shimsky to show our support (she is co-sponsor) or reach out to Assembly Leader Heastie
 - ii. We could ask BOT to pass resolution then SSH could support it.
- i. Status of NY HEAT Act (1 min)
 - i. Has good shot of passing Assembly.

5. New Business

- a. Andre Trail Update (5 minutes) (Susanne and Char)
 - Doing research to work with TEAC and will report back in next meeting.
- b. Westchester County Green Initiatives Resource Directory (2 minutes) (Char)
 - i. Char has loaded all material in and will send once she gets response from Chamber about green business practices.
- c. Edith Zavala's resignation. New board member and youth rep
 - i. We thank Edith for her service to the board. She has officially resigned and there is an open seat on our board.
 - ii. We might also consider a formal Student Representative to SSH and Susanne will look into what we need to do. We will love it if the Village would appoint Adanhyr.
- d. Request to eliminate 2nd trash pickup during holiday weeks (Carol)

6. Announcements

- Community Weaving Project led by Kersten Harries June 21st at Pocantico Center
 - Upcycled textiles to make small squares and weave into large panel. She
 is taking fabric donations and getting some from community wardrobe.
 Goal is 4 ft x 8 ft panel. Looking for display spot in the fall. Can sell the
 woven panels after they display.
 - ii. https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/pocantico-center/community-weave-workshop-june-21





Community Weave

Intergenerational Bilingual Art-Making Event

Monday, June 16 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.* Saturday, June 21 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of weaving! Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Led by bilingual Sleepy Hollow-based arts educator Kersten Harries, participants will create their own 6"x6" woven square using upcycled T-shirt yarn. Each individual square will be joined to create a communal art piece that will be displayed in the community.

*Participants in the June 16 workshop will have the option to join a curator-led tour of the Picasso tapestries in the collection at Kykuit, the historic Rockefeller Estate.

Register for June 16



Register for June 21



For more information, email:







7. Next Meeting: July 7, Village Hall & Zoom