



## Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting

July 7, 2025

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Meeting ID: 886 0983 4663, Passcode: 208060

Attendees: Sarah, Susanne, Gina, Char, Isabella, Arlene, Kirsten M, Anne, Stephanie, Julia.

Adanhyr

On zoom: No one

Notetaker: Char Weigel

### Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
2. Discussion: June 7 Music Festival & June 14 Fish Migration Feedback (5 min)
  - a. Kirsten- Tri-bin was near the trucks. Had some recycling bins. No signs and no formal zero waste effort. Labels are in the shed.
  - b. Gina went to Hudson River Festival (Fish Migration)- Five boats for five fish going up from NYC to Croton Point Park. They had zero waste tents, not just bins. Gina is getting pop-up tents for Mermaid Festival.
3. "Under the Surface: A Hudson River Zine" Isabella and Adanhyr. Met at HVWC to plan it out. Will get 100-150 for SSH to give out at river cleanups.
4. Discussion: Upcoming Event Status (15 minutes)
  - a. Mermaid Festival July 19, 12pm-4pm. (Gina & Adanhyr)
    - i. Gina will get two tents for zero waste. Vendor instructions are very firm about zero waste. Will send out SUG again to get volunteers for zero waste. Kirsten H-M will organize training with Susanne who will train on the spot and/or do a Zoom/Teams call to train. There will be circulator bus between Festival and TT train station.
  - b. August - TASH tabling opportunity (Kirsten) - "Beyond the Bin" recycling items that people don't usually think of. Kirsten will send flyer to Kiko to put into newsletter. Will also add to the website Zero Waste page. Valhalla location is good resource because they take everything but need to make appt a few weeks in advance. Kirsten thinking one of first two Saturdays in August.
  - c. September or October - Eco Fair in September (Kirsten and Adanhyr)
    - i. Kirsten will work with Rachel and Dean at TEAC on theme and to confirm date.
  - d. Billion Oyster count Sunday, October 5, 3pm (Char)
    - i. Great SH Oyster Count is happening with Billion Oyster Project.
  - e. Pumpkin Smash at Peabody - December 6 (Carol)/Rain Date Dec 7

- i. Will promote starting in October. We talked about whether should have a vendor to offer coffee/cider/doughnuts. Kirsten offered to reach out to PTA to see if they wanted to donate food/drinks. Not billed as fundraiser.
- f. Monthly Flash Cleanups - Second Saturday (Char)
  - i. Continuing and getting sign ups
- g. 2026: Sleepy Hollow Free Day: April 25, 2026 - rain date April 26, 2026.  
Pumpkin Smash at Peabody: December 5, 2026 - rain date December 6, 2026

## 5. Old Business

- a. Climate Action Plan (5 min) - Sarah Smiley
  - i. CAP presentation to BOT Feedback
    - 1. 6/17 preview to BOT in worksession before the final version was available. Will now send and ask them to review and give feedback and then ask them to officially adopt. Will be posted to the Sleepy Hollow Climate Action Hub.
  - ii. Public information session
    - 1. Will hold 7/31 or 8/7. We are asking DeCiccis if we can use their upstairs space.
- b. Committee Liaison Updates (5 min)
  - i. Liveable Tarrytowns - (Elizabeth Tucker)
    - 1. Tappan Hill School trail update (Char/Elizabeth)
      - a. SSH will not be sending Letter of Support because TEAC is not. But Liveable Tarrytowns is pursuing this with TUFSD and Village of Tarrytown
  - ii. TUFSD and Andre Brook trail - Char/Susanne
    - 1. Susanne and Char will meet with TUFSD to see if there is a possibility of opening the trail with a grant. Susanne is going to get a meeting time with Brian Fried TUFSD who asked for a little grace given the kickoff of all the TUFSD projects.
  - iii. Art & Placemaking Committee - Susanne
    - 1. APC has \$10k for wall mural on side of Green County Deli building. Susanne talked to them about Complete Streets work that may fall into beautifying village as well (as well as adding to safety). Statement was made that there is \$100k budget to be shared between APC and SSH. Our understanding was different about budget.
- c. Leaf Blower Regulation (5 min) - Char
  - i. Plan is to present information to BOT in worksession and then to reach out to SMIA, PMHA and maybe Webber Park. Will either bring to BOT vote before election if it looks like opposition will not be huge or after if there is push back
  - ii. Take video of Parks using electric leaf blowers as part of ed campaign

- iii. Will do ed at eco-fair
- d. Beautification/Pollinator Pathway gardens (2 min) - Susanne/Rachael
  - i. Clean up has been done at Morris and Sykes has been revived. Susanne is putting a sign there.
- e. Legislative update: NY Heat Act and Packaging Reduction bill (1 min) - Susanne
  - i. Re-written last minute and did not pass. Stand alone resolution passed to "Repeal of 100 foot rule" so ConEd will not cover the gas hook up. This is on the Governor's desk.
  - ii. Packaging Reduction did not come up for vote.
- f. Project Maple resolution (Sarah)
  - i. Groups are pushing back against pipeline on bottom of Hudson. Want to get local resolution to tell governor to reject. Rockland County, Croton. Starts in NJ. Mothers Out Front has put resolution in front of board. SSH will send letter saying we also support the proposal to get a village resolution.

## 6. New Business

- a. Community Garden opening
  - i. The Village is planning an opening and we need to find out when it will be open. Diana and Matt are the right contacts to find out when the garden will open.
- b. Tree Commission update (2 min) - Char/Susanne
  - i. Presented tree-mometer to BOT that we exceeded goal of planting 150 trees for 150 years. Getting CSC points for "Major Planting."
- c. LED light conversion (Char/Kirsten)
  - i. Resolution in 2022. Meeting to sort out issues of temperature vs. completion. Try for Monday or Friday.
- d. Complete Streets
  - i. Susanne reported that SSH is supposed to play role in points that village earns for pedestrian/bike safety and traffic calming. We need to earn 15-18 points annually to keep on tract with Complete Streets. Would like small working group to track points and how to structure a committee/working group to keep track on documentation. Need picture before, document discussion around it and then will be able to qualify for points. Susanne and Sarah will followup. Will also get us CSC points.
- e. Hudson River sewage outflow (2 min) - Char
  - i. A raw sewage outflow into the Hudson in Horan's Landing was caught and stopped.
- f. Zombie Game - Irvington CAP cohorts zombie game to bring community cohorts together to improve checking on people. Will have at future meeting.
- g. Wood chips - Arlene said they are still at Bellwood and Rt. 9.

7. Next Meeting: August 4 , Village Hall & Zoom

8. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

Background:

Village of Ossining Leaf Blower Ordinance

## GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS FAQ

In 2018, The Village of Ossining passed a local law regulating the use of leaf blowers ([click here](#)).

**Effective January 1, 2023 gas-powered leaf blowers are NOW PROHIBITED on all properties less than ½ acre in size.**

Use of a gas-powered leaf blower can only be used on parcels greater than a ½ acre, and only between the following dates:

- March 1 and June 1, OR
- September 15 and December 15

Village of Tarrytown Leaf Blower Ordinance - I thought they had banned them fully?

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☐ § 205-3.1 **Seasonal ban on gas-powered leaf and garden blowers.**

[Added 5-5-2008 by L.L. No. 8-2008; amended 9-20-2010 by L.L. No. 16-2010; 11-6-2017 by L.L. No. 11-2017]

- ◀ A. The operation of a gasoline-powered leaf and garden blower is prohibited from June 15 through September 15 of each year and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the period September 16 through June 14 each year. Person(s) who own or rent a one- to three-family home, who are using the gasoline-powered leaf and garden blowers at the home where they reside, are exempt from the provisions of this section. During times of emergency caused by a storm, the Village Engineer may declare a temporary moratorium on the operations of this provision.
- B. The Village Engineer may, in his discretion and upon application, grant temporary special permits for the temporary operation of gasoline-powered leaf and garden blowers otherwise subject to this section to accommodate special circumstances, including but not limited to the cleanup of temporary work sites, and shall charge and collect a fee of \$35 for each permit so granted.
- C. No owner of a green industry company shall cause or permit the operation of a gasoline-powered leaf or garden blower from June 15 through September 15 of each year or on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays during the period September 16 through June 14 each year.

[Added 8-17-2015 by L.L. No. 5-20151 ]

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### [ARCHIVED] Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers: An Important Update

In 2020, the Village Board made the important decision to ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, effective December 2023. That decision was made with the well-being of our community and the environment in mind, giving residents and contractors significant lead-time to prepare for the transition.

After careful consideration and review, the Village Board has decided to move forward with the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers as scheduled. The ban will officially go into effect on December 16, 2023, as previously planned.

While many residents and contractors have already made the switch to electric or battery-powered leaf blowers, some have not. For those who are still in the process of making the transition, please explore eco-friendly alternatives, such as mulching your leaves in place.

Additional information can be found at [Irvington Green](#).

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# Amendment to Leaf Blower Law postpones permissible use until October 15

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In June, the Board of Trustees passed an amendment to the leaf blower law to better align the dates of permissible use with neighboring communities. This helps with enforcement and clarifies regulations for landscapers working in multiple communities.

The new dates for permitted use of gas powered leaf blowers run from October 15 until December 15 and March 15 until May 15. At all other times, one may use electric-powered equipment or none at all. Those violating the law are subject to fines of \$50 for the first offense, and \$250 for each subsequent offense in the same calendar year

Local Law 2-2021 was adopted on June 22, 2021 and can be found here:

<https://ecode360.com/DO0599/laws/LF1382511.pdf>

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