

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting October 6, 2025

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Attendees: Susanne, Arline, Adanhyr, Anne, Kirsten On zoom: Gina, Gabriela, Char, Deb, Kiko, Stephanie

Notetaker: Char

### Agenda:

- 1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
- Student Liaison Position We welcomed Adanhyr Morocho to the Student Liaison position to our board and acknowledged her immense dedication to our work.
  Congratulations and thank you Adanhyr!
- 3. Recent Event Update (15 minutes)
  - a. CAP
    - i. 9/23 BOT worksession: vote requested on adoption of CAP (Char)
    - ii. Actual date of adoption vote tbd. Char will follow up with Anthony on timing of vote
    - iii. One addendum in process- baseline adjusted emissions.
    - iv. We will prepare one pager for communication.
  - b. TaSH Tabling for Eco Fair (Kirsten/Susanne)
    - i. Leave the Leaves education about gas-powered leaf blower alternatives
      - 1. Had good quality contacts and good intersection with student project.
      - 2. Heard many comments on how people are tired of leaf blowers and impact on quality of life that we will wrap into our campaign.
  - c. Billion Oyster Project Countup (Char)
    - i. Transect created as "community weave" project by Kersten Harries
    - ii. About 100 people interacted with the event overall with about 40 quite active and counting in some fashion.
    - iii. 123 oysters were counted. We will put a little article in newsletter.
    - iv. Will do again next year.
- 4. Upcoming Event Status (10 minutes)
  - a. October 12 SUP Witch Parade
    - i. Susanne, Arline and Adanhyr will be there as Waste Warriors
    - ii. Susanne will ask Diana for more volunteers

- iii. They are charging attendees for the first time. Will be interesting to see how this works in terms of future events.
  - https://rivertownssupyoga.com/sup-witches-festival-2025
- b. December 6 Pumpkin Smash at Peabody/Rain Date Dec 7 (Carol)
  - Carol talked to TUFSD and looks like Sleepy Coffee Too will be able to be there to sell coffee and food items.
  - ii. Fire Truck has been promised.
- c. April Earth Month TUFSD Meeting (Char)
  - Will meet with Eddie Castro at TUFSD to firm up. TUFSD communicated a theme of "Horsemen Cares" but Eddie has agreed that it will be the planned combined Green Horsemen Family Saturday and Earth Month Festival.

### 5. Old Business

- a. Leaf Blower Ban Details Will meet with PM and SH Garden Clubs (Char/Kiko)
  - General letters from concerned citizens continue to come in in support of ban.
  - ii. Awaiting update on Tarrytown Trustee presentation
  - iii. We will meet with garden clubs 10/21 to begin our education campaign, start grass root word spreading and share our one pager.
  - iv. Kiko will ask Kathy Duell to send out invite to members. Will feed her language to "share research and have a conversation"
- b. Project Maple resolution update -
  - 9/16 BOT passed resolution opposing (1) Enbridge Algonquin Pipeline Expansion "Project Maple," as well as Williams Constitution and NESE Pipelines
    - See page 8 of PDF for Anti-Project Maple Resolution https://sleepyhollow.localarchives.org/files/original/d2c32e4d795f9f ccae6b939b8feb1f17.pdf
  - ii. Monarch Garden on Beekman (Rachael)
    - 1. Rachael met with Kevin this week who reassured her that the village will have those gardens on the water rotation. Kevin accepted Rachael's proposal to remove the dead shrubs and invasive shrubs. The village will fund \$600 worth of new native shrubs and Ryan Nuckel has agreed to add \$500 worth of new native grasses and flowers to be installed by volunteers. Susanne will ask for water hookup. Likely start in early November or in the spring. Rachael will follow up with Kevin at the end of this month.

## 6. Committee Liaison Updates

- a. Tree Commission
  - i. November 1 Plant shrubs at Douglas Park: Understory restoration
    - Looking for sign ups. Deer have eaten understory and this is causing erosion and means that the forest does not have appropriate renewability ecology.
  - ii. April Tree Swap

- 1. Flyer is asking for people who might be interested to take volunteer seedlings and give them out on Free Day April 25, 2026
- iii. Proposal to change date of Arbor Day observance to April
  - 1. Tree Commission is submitting resolution to Board of Trustees
- b. Mt. Pleasant CAC/New Castle Conservation Board
  - November 2: Doug Tallamy (famous entomologist) lecture at Chappaqua Performing Arts Center

https://www.chappaqualibrary.org/event/eco-series-21382

1. We should promote to our regular SSH mailing list.

### 7. New Business

- a. Grass and Wildflower meadows on East Parcel (Susanne)
  - i. Susanne has been talking to Lauren Connell (BOT) and LDC to put in wildflower meadow as placeholder for the three acre planned playing field. Next year will break ground for promenade, tennis and pickle ball courts but not the large playing field. The plan was just a grass field and grass seed will go in now and volunteers can come in and seed the wildflower meadow once the temperature drops to appropriate levels. TBD whether the wildflower seeds can be sewn this fall or in the spring pending weather and volunteer timing. Susanne will find out if the field has water.
- b. Eco Club at Morse (Gabi)
  - i. After-school program started 3 years ago run by volunteer parents. Have 22 students! Looking for volunteers for the spring. Have containers with edible plants by front steps and have used compost from Kiko's programs. Have transplanted some of the Peabody plants. Focus on natives and pollinators. Cleaned playground with Mothers Out Front and sorted the items collected. Looking for other groups to share activities with the students. Looking for volunteers to water over the summer. Add to newsletter to ask for volunteers. Adanhyr will reach out to Gabi to write up the volunteer opportunities for high school students.
- c. Library of Things. Carol talked with Csssandra Troini, head reference librarian. They're interested, but no big tools--too much liability and space They want a list of 10 potential items. They want to start with items that help their current Seed Library and Crafting projects. Carol is working on the seed library part and talked with Deb from Mobius Farms who runs it. She thinks we can add native seeds. Carol will ask the craft and repair cafe people what tools we should ask for.
  - i. Girl Scouts are launching give and take free jigsaw puzzle at library!
- d. Adanhyr wants excess native plants and seeds to plant around the high school. Susanne will meet her at Peabody to harvest from there. And loop into the Seed Workshop Susanne is planning for January.
- e. Kiko: Dean was trying to meet with Material Recovery Facility with Lou Vittrone and Peter McCardt. Can attend October 15 at 2pm via Zoom. Not open to the public but our group of most active members can attend. Dean has Google doc of questions that has already been sent. Char will send Zoom to Kiko.
- 8. Next Meeting: Monday, November 3 (Sarah) Village Hall & Zoom

- a. GC: Zombies! Irvington guest for our next agenda. Will come at 6 pm. Susanne will book the room and be sure doors open. Char will send Zoom to Gina.
- 9. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

**2026 Event Dates (just for the record):** Earth Month/Green Horsemen Festival: Saturday, April 18, 2026 (rain plan inside Senior Center); Sleepy Hollow Free Day: April 25, 2026 - rain date April 26, 2026. Pumpkin Smash at Peabody: December 5, 2026 - rain date December 6, 2026

# Meeting Chair Schedule:

April / August / Dec- Kirsten May / Sep - Char June / Nov - Sarah July / Oct - Susanne