



Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting

April 6, 2026

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Meeting ID: 886 0983 4663, Passcode: 208060

Attendees: Mary, Susanne, Gina, Arline, Sarah, Kiko,
Carol

On zoom: Ed, Nick Robinson, Stephanie and Julia, Dan, Celia, Tim Judge and Ramapo
students, Robert Brauman, Kirsten Senesi, Rachael, Adenhyr

Notetaker: Char

Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
2. Time Sensitive Topics
 - a. Ramapo U Capstone Project student update (Char/Ramapo U students)
 - i. Meredith Ruhland... Ramapo U students... Couple of visits to SH. Checking out spaces along Andre Brook. Map out culverts - looked on school grounds... John Paulding school culvert comes down... behind College Ave does open and look at as area to manage flood control. Real problem is Reverend Sykes Park/Valley. Brook comes down into that. Goal is to look at mitigating flooding and cooling effect for area. Got site map that shows where brook goes underground in parking lot in Sykes. Showed slides (get slides). Sykes Park got plans from village and school did GPS when they were onsite. Some stormwater is captured above in the brook by the school. But culvert is pretty dedicated. Tim says hybrid system which has moved the brook over time and partly for storm water conveyance. They are working on recs for us. It is right below sidewalk (bottom is 5-8 ft down and sidewalk is top of culvert). Deeper near school ground. Will present to board May worksession.
 - b. SSH Communication Guidelines (Char)
 - i. See guidelines below - reviewed guidelines and no questions
 - ii. Newsletter review process (Carol)
 1. Want to get regular calendar in place and if anything comes up
 2. Will create a new editorial document and Carol needs to know who puts what in. Stories (short blurbs & pix in jpg or png) due on 10th and send out on 15th as example of timing... start with upcoming things... then recap things like Repair Cafe with pix... then what did we do last month in the meeting to let them know what we are talking about. New initiatives/causes/whatever... then fun stuff and events at bottom... Tree Comm standing item too.
 3. Carol will get us new link for Google doc. Add link to agenda

4. Review process... first round to everyone... Kiko, Susanne, Kirsten, Sarah, Gina, Char, Burns for input. Carol will include a review by date.
 5. Do we want to ask Burns proactively to put in newsletter. Carol meet with Burns.
- c. Earth Month Intervillage Competition (Gina)
- i. Resilient Rivertowns from Hastings to SH is hosting competition between villages for people to join teams and complete missions that are earth friendly (trivia, volunteering, etc.). 1-5 players. Kicked off at repair cafe. Download app and fill out form to sign up. Kiko went into organic foods coop in Hastings and take pictures. Carol and Ginger did some in back yard... traffic calming...
 - ii. Gina will give us instructions on how to sign up. More will drop in over time. We have nine signed up now.
 - iii. Village that gets most points gets \$3k for eco-project. We are thinking about eco-planters. In app Goosechase.
- d. Earth Month Planning
- i. April 11 Compost Give Back Day (9-noon) (Kiko)
 1. Susanne will ask Rachel Tieger about price and then go through Diana on cc or check from village. We have \$200-\$300 to spend.
 2. Do we have enough volunteers? - Got volunteers Stephanie and Julia. Arline can help.
 3. Leftover compost will go to a few places... Tappan Hill school... JPaulding Community Garden... Brian Fried at school district for new pollinator garden... Barnhardt Community Garden.
 4. Matt has pallet of top soil for beds... compost will be delivered Monday, 4/13 to various locations. Rachael will check in with Matt and Kevin...
 - ii. April 18 Earth Month/Green HFS volunteer roundup (10 - 12:30) (Char)
 1. See flyer below
 2. General: Char, Arline, Mary Gage (9-9:30), Susanne first half...?
 3. SSH Activity: Rachael, Annie until 11:30, try to get volunteer for her or Arline and Char split up
 - a. Table close to community garden
 - b. Vintage chewing tobacco thermometer on shed - Jared will ask Matt
 4. Will have food scraps and recycling bins
 - a. Talk to registrants to say we are collecting food scraps
 - b. Diana get volunteer for food compost volunteer
 5. Tree Comm table: Pete Strom, Susanne?
 - iii. Quick Run down on other events (Susanne)
 1. Susanne passed around flyers to put up. See list below
 2. Rachael highlighted 4/12 Beekman pollinator garden
 - iv. Ed asked about Free Day and how to put items out. Form to fill out to get on Google map. Can take corks to Grape.

3. New and Ongoing Business

- a. Gas Powered Leaf Blower Update (Char and Kiko)
 - b. Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown *Sustainable* 250th Commemoration (Char)
 - i. See flyer below
 - c. Food Scraps Analysis (Char and Kiko)
 - i. Kevin is gathering data
 - d. Packaging Resolution Update (Sarah)
 - e. *Take It or Leave It* next steps planning with new volunteer (Gina & Adrienne)
 - i. Gina met someone at the book store who connected with Carol as well who has experience in take it or leave it shed. Will use Adrienne's experience to make list of items and be sure we avoid dumping...
 - ii. Will still do Lending Library...
 - f. CAP updates (Sarah)
 - i. We will see climate hub and get tutorial in updating on Thursday. Need timeline for doing that.
 - g. VHB Zoning on sustainability code. Draft zoning code is on the village website. Jared asks us for recommendations. Did NYSERDA code and energy study and will share.
 - h. LDC wildflower planting on East Parcel (Susanne)
 - i. Benjie Sirota is acting chair LDC and they wanted input on beautifying sections of east parcel. Road finished in few months. Susanne met with engineer and saw 8k square feet so will be project partially implemented by landscaper and other parts by volunteers sunflower patches, pumpkin patches. Wildflower part hopefully this year.
 - ii. Hillside facing north below senior center is graded and open bare field. Carol and Susanne met with Matt. We will work on recommendations for economical and sustainable recommendations. Maybe seed bombs with chicken wire or berms. Pumpkins would be great...
 - i. Green Team back at Statue Island
 - i. Message not penetrating to leave the leaves because they were blown. Village would like a more sustainable landscape practice for the village and we can craft. Meet with Matt and Kevin to say we are doing.
 - j. Mayor's request for 4/28 presentation at Kendal. Tree Comm and SSH presenting. Burns has yet to promote.
 - k. Dan commented on goals for year including bike helmets being encouraged. Netherlands data show low bike helmet use and low fatalities. US has high helmet use and high injuries. Dan said that bike helmet campaign may not be worth our time. Tourists won't have them anyway. We have a long list of to-dos so won't focus on this at the moment.
 - l. Complete Streets - Sarah will tag Dan into meeting.
4. Committee Liaison Updates
- a. Tree Commission (Char)
5. Additional Items?
6. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

- a. Next Meeting: Monday, May 4th. (Sarah) Village Hall & Zoom

Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Communications Guidelines

- Sustainable Sleepy Hollow (SSH), as the combination of the village's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and the related Climate Smart Communities Task Force, functions in accordance with the attached 2014 resolution establishing the EAC. Appointed members and volunteers understand that when we are building awareness and support for the development, management and protection of Sleepy Hollow's natural resources, we are doing so in our role as a committee of the village. This advocacy will take the form of:
 1. Education, outreach and activities with village residents (e.g., planting pollinator gardens, oyster counts) in line with existing village code,
 2. Research and preparation of recommendations for the board of trustees regarding code changes or enhancements that could improve the development, management and protection of the village's natural environment. Any such research and recommendation that could involve changes to the village code should be first brought to the board of trustees including a plan for communicating the research findings with residents; and
 3. Requests to the board of trustees for resolutions in support of or against proposed legislation by other municipal entities (e.g., county, state, etc.). SSH will not advocate regarding any such proposed legislation without a supportive resolution by the board of trustees.

Please note re: #2. SSH brought our research and plan on gas powered leaf blowers to the board in October 2025. Then Deputy Mayor Scaglione asked us on 10/27/25 to please wait to request a public hearing until the new administration was seated after the upcoming election. We did as she asked. The GPLB ban is the only time SSH has advocated a change in code.

Please note re: #3, this has been consistent SSH practice.

Meeting Date: 10/28/2014
Resolution#: 10/144/2014

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow
Establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees (BOT) is desirous of formally establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC); and

Whereas, several members of the community have expressed an interest in volunteering for the EAC; and

Whereas, the purpose and mission of the EAC would be to help build awareness and support for the development, management and protection of Sleepy Hollow's natural resources; to assist and provide input into the drafting of environmental local laws designed to provide protection for our natural resources; and to participate in environmental reviews when requested by the BOT or Planning Board,

Now, therefore be it resolved the BOT hereby establishes an EAC comprised of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the BOT; and

Be it further resolved the terms of four (4) members shall be four (4) years, the terms of two (2) members shall be three (3) years, and the term of one (1) member shall be two (2) years; and

Be it further resolved the EAC shall nominate and elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Moved: Trustee Wompa **Seconded:** Trustee Stupel **Vote:** 5-0

Committee:

Bhavya Reddy - Chair
Claire Davis, Barbara Carr, David Avrin, Beverly Janson, Francois Rjeili, Daniel Convisor



TUFSD's Green Horsemen Family Saturday & the Village of Sleepy Hollow are sponsoring the 2026 Earth Month Festival. Activities, food and sustainable living tips through vintage style with *It's a Charming Life* influencers Lindsay & Jonas.

Everyone is welcome!

Bring your picnic blanket!

Rain location: SH Senior Center





El Program "Sábado en Familia Horsemen" de las Escuelas Publicas de Tarrytowns & El Municipio de Sleepy Hollow están patrocinando el Festival del Mes de la Tierra 2026. Disfruta de actividades, comida y tips de vida sostenible con estilo vintage junto a los influencers Lindsay y Jonas.

¡Evento abierto para todos!

¡Trae tu manta de picnic!

En caso de lluvia: será en el Centro de Adultos Mayores de Sleepy Hollow



Earth Month Event Rundown

MAR 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
29 **TarryHollow Repair Cafe**

APR 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
4 **TEAC Vine Squad Outing**

APR 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
11 **Compost Giveback Day**

APR 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
11 **Sarah Michaels Park Spring Garden Refresh and Pollinator Planter Demo**

APR 1:00 am – 3:00 pm
12 **Clean-Up at Beekman Avenue Pollinator Garden**

APR 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
12 **Community Garden Cleanup**

APR 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
18 **TEAC Vine Squad Outing**

APR 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
18 **Green Horsemen Family Saturday Earth Month Festival**

APR 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
18 **Friends of the Riverwalk Workday**

APR 8:00 am – 9:00 am
19 **Morning Bird Walk**

APR 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
20 **Tarrytown Village Listening Session**

APR 10:00 am – 11:00 am
24 **Arbor Day Planting – Sleepy Hollow**

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24 **Arbor Day Planting – Tarrytown**

APR 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
25 **Villages "Free Day"**

APR 10:00 am – 11:30 am
25 **Tree Identification Walk**

APR 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
25 **Neperan Park Earth Month Celebration**

APR 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
26 **Earth Month Clean-Up with the Lake Keepers**

APR 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
26 **Bird Walk at Peabody Preserve**

MAY 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
2 **Riverkeeper Sweep – Tarrytown Losee Park**

MAY 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
16 **Understory Forest Restoration at Douglas Park**

Tree Swap Time!

Adopt a tiny tree provided by a neighbor & proven to be happy in our environment. Our village arborist will identify the species and we'll give you a free Tree Owner's Manual! We also have additional free native trees to give away. All for free!

Earth Month Festival/Green Horsemen Family Saturday
April 18, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Barnhard Park, 25 Andrews Lane

Seedlings often found in
Sleepy Hollow yards:

- White pine
- Redbud
- American elm
- Black cherry
- Chokecherry
- Black birch
- Yellow birch



Seedlings often found in
Sleepy Hollow yards:

- Oaks: red, white, pin & chestnut
- Tulip Poplar
- Black Walnut
- Maple: red, sugar & silver
- Hickory: bitternut, pignut & mockernut
- Eastern Red Cedar



bit.ly/TreeOwnersManual

Village of Sleepy Hollow
Tree Commission

Sleepy Hollow y Tarrytown



Conmemoración del 250º Aniversario de los Estados Unidos

**Domingo, 1 de noviembre,
12:00pm - 4:00pm**
Paseo del Río de Sleepy Hollow
y Parque Pierson de Tarrytown

Reserve la fecha en su calendario para:

- Revolución, recreadores históricos y remembranzas
- Desfile, Patriotas y Espectáculos
- Pífanos, comida y festividades
- Presentación de las colchas

Dos pueblos... conmemorativas del 250.º aniversario

... una conmemoración legendaria

Marzo - Septiembre de 2026

Nosotros, los habitantes de Sleepy Hollow y Tarrytown, con el fin de conmemorar el 250.º aniversario del país, crearemos una colcha para cada Ayuntamiento.

Tema: *Conmemore los 250 años de nuestros pueblos desde 1776... o bien... sus esperanzas para los próximos 50 años.*

¡Se invita a individuos, familias y grupos a contribuir con un cuadro! Se suministrarán telas recicladas e instrucciones.

Talleres opcionales.



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SLEEPY HOLLOW & TARRYTOWN 250TH COMMEMORATION

Sunday, Nov. 1, 12 - 4 pm
Sleepy Hollow Riverwalk &
Tarrytown Pierson Park

♥ ♥ ♥
**Conmemoración del
250º Aniversario de los
Estados Unidos**

**Domingo, 1 de noviembre,
de 12:00pm a 16:00pm
Paseo del Río de Sleepy Hollow
y Parque Pierson de Tarrytown**



250th Community Quilts/ Quilt Comunitario del 250 Aniversario

Help make a 250th commemorative quilt to be presented on November 1

Prompt: Commemorate the 250 years in our villages since 1776... or... your hopes for the next 50 years.

Ayuda a confeccionar de la colcha conmemorativa que será presentado el 1 de noviembre

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