



Sustainable Sleepy Hollow Monthly Meeting
June 1, 2026

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Attendees: Mary, Kirsten H-M, Arline, Susanne, Kiko, Carol, Adenhyr, Rachael. Rachael

On zoom: Sarah, Gina, Rodolphe

Notetaker: Char Weigel

Agenda:

1. Introductions & goal to finish by 8:30 pm
2. Policy updates
 - a. [Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban](#) (Char and Kiko)
 - i. Status of proposed ban - to be voted during BOT meeting on June 9.
 - ii. Summer ban has gone into effect
 - iii. If you see a violation, suggest sending a text to the number on the landscaper trucks to tell them ban is in effect
 - iv. Next year ask village for vinyl banner or electric sign on ban...or we make ourselves - Kiko will follow up with village
 - b. Adoption of Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Resolution (Sarah)
 - i. Board adopted resolution and was sent to NYS Assemblymember Shimsky. Does not yet appear to have been voted on at state level. This is the last week of the session and we hope the legislature will vote on it. Call Andrea Stewart Cousins who is our Senate person to support
 - ii. Westchester Coalition for Clean Water - We will ask for board resolution in favor of consolidation on county-level. We have draft language and will submit for July work session. Susane moves, Kiko second, all in favor.
 - c. Village grants update
 - i. CAP grant receipt upon completion
 1. June 15 BOT gave presentation on status of all grants. Susanne took the following notes and has asked Anthony to give us written details. This list is intended only at a general level to give us a sense of grants in play. Anthony's written statement will have details and may have some edits to the following: Final portion of CAP grant should be coming soon once VHB makes the last changes we have identified for them. Then village pays VHB. Extension of Riverwalk around Hunter Ave. is coming. Greenway grant (maybe related to this as well). Sidewalk along HHV has

been redone and has been fully funded. May add barrier to keep pedestrians on sidewalk and off Route 9. Dual port charging stations for Village Hall lot coming. Another grant for sewer expansion drainage replacement. Sidewalk has been worked on from corner of Route 9 along side of HHV toward Devries Park (grant from Transportation Alternatives). Horseman Trail goes along side of Pocantico River needs restoration and being looked at for grant. Facade grant from NY Forward as well as Cortlandt Street and Plaza work to start. Grant for Devries car bridge and to make sidewalk wider is progressing. Roof replacement grant is available for volunteer fire dept portion of 28 Beekman only; no roof replacement grant for village hall portion. We have had NYSERDA grant for roof solar panels for village hall for some time- **Sarah will check with Anthony to be sure we can go ahead with solar panel work.** NY Forward for Plaza Nueva after Morse school renovation is finished. Sponge village grant is going ahead with RFP work. Going ahead for Barnhardt Park playground. 2018 grant for Fremont Pond NYS Economic Development award of ~\$300k has not been used. Updated cost is 60% higher than originally received grant so we don't have enough money. Considering repurposing if state allows or need to return \$ - village is investigating. If repurpose, SSH will weigh in. WQIP water quality infrastructure project - trustees are looking into applying. Looking into solar panels on DPW garage.

- ii. Safe Streets 4 All application (supported by SSH) - Applying for federal and State grant \$2.5m minimum ask so village will look to combine intersections across village. Susanne signed on for us as our SS4A rep.

3. Old Business

a. Waste Summit recap (Arline and Susanne)

- i. Arline reported that our 1984 Peekskill incinerator releases toxins across the county and especially in Peekskill. County contract ends in 2029. Westchester has 50% recycle rate, one of the best in the state. No specific county-wide vision seemed to emerge other than county emphasis on reducing waste by improving recycling and reducing packaging. Bottle bill puts responsibility back on producers and there could be more focus on producers for other recyclables. Take it or leave it sheds, repair cafes, farmer market left overs all mentioned as well as some funding opportunities. Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions have city-by-city program and are interested in working with municipalities to reduce or eliminate waste. We can reach out to them. Here is the 2026 County [Waste Reduction Report](#). Talk to Hastings about Pay As You Throw. Irvington is going on its own having bought food scraps truck.
 - 1. Could we start resolution to cut to once a week trash pick up during holiday weeks? Kiko and Carol will meet with Anthony.
 - 2. In newsletter, discuss where our waste goes, incinerator issues, etc.

4. Ongoing Projects

- a. Food Scrap Study
 - i. Westchester County Municipal Planners Association is honoring the Rivertowns Consortium with a commendation for the study
 - ii. Status of info requested from village - Anthony said that he will get Char the data for Pay as You Throw Analysis requested last January
- b. Green Team clean ups at Sykes and Statue Island happened
- c. Dark Sky campaign
 - i. We did Earth Month promotion
 - ii. Tarrytown resident request to dim lights at EOH pier generated a discussion within the trustees. The mayor found Dark Skies code model language. We provided some input to BOT. BOT will begin discussion on the draft code in the working meeting 6/2.
 - iii. Tappan Zee Bridge now dims lights at 11 pm during peak migration months after requests from wildlife and environmental groups (April 1 - May 31: August 15 - November 15).
- d. SSH budget - Used remainder of last fiscal year budget on:
 - i. Trash pickers for Riverwalk clean ups
 - ii. Logo for Tree Commission - Melissa Lohman Wilde will work on this.
 - iii. Milkweed plants
 - iv. Children's books on environment/climate change/nature - small group of books for us to bring to SSH events
- e. Daylighting research (Char)
 - i. Char will send scheduler to see movie so SSH can learn about daylighting

5. Committee Liaison Updates

- a. Tappan Hill trail (Elizabeth) - not able to make the meeting
- b. Tree Commission planting on June 13 10 am at DeVries Park (Susanne) - Miyawaki forest is the goal and trying to stabilize flooding
- c. Katie Scully at Peabody - June 16 and 17 at noon are going to clear out invasives so they can have a disc golf course.

6. Additional Items?

- a. Rachael - Reviewing plant list that is part of construction plan at Washington Irving. Plan is for 5k plants. Rachael thinks there should be a better plan for the school to have gardens that support local eco-system. Invited everyone to look at the drawings that Rachael shared to all in email before this meeting and let her know if we have feedback. Not sure about timeline.
- b. Kirsten - Self-storage proposal that would not enhance parking, walkability, sustainable downtown. Kirsten has a petition for PB and trustees.

7. Adjourn: Target by 8:30 pm

- a. Next Meeting: Monday, July 6th (Kirsten) Village Hall & Zoom

