



**Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Ave. 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 8pm**

1. Hastings Woods Forum – Recap of 4/2 and update, outreach, day-of needs for 5/3
2. Pace Land Use Center Grant Proposal update
3. Update on CCNY Student Project
4. May 6, 2017 Riverkeeper Sweep – promotions, set up, other needs
5. Composting Drive and Composting Awareness Week
6. Updates
 - a. Hastings Takes Action – Environment
 - b. Bus for Climate March
 - c. NYSERDA Grants (Clean Energy and Solar Permitting)
 - d. Route 9 Corridor
 - e. Vine Squad
 - f. Green Building Code
7. Announcements and New Business
8. Annual Reports 2015-2016 and Minutes
9. Next River at Risk PC

Present: Sharon Kivowitz (chair), Ron Cascone, Haven Colgate, Jean Hamerman, Kerry-Jane King, Bianca Zordan (student liaison) and Coco Zordan (volunteer).

1. **Woods walk and panel was a success. Upcoming event:**
 - A. Andy has had a discussion with panelists

- B. Sign-in for the walk with clipboard (Haven will provide)
- C. Snacks:
- D. Sign-in at the event
- E. Haven will talk to Raf about an env't email list
- F. Facebook event page: Haven will talk to Lindsey
- G. Haven will input the names of the people who came to the first event and we will email them
- H. Haven will share the outreach master doc for people to use again
- I. Sharon will ask Elisa to be Phil Donahue again and be tech for May 3

2. Pace Land Use Center Grant Proposal update

Pace Land Use Center will apply to the Westchester Foundation for a grant on Hastings' behalf to help produce a "sustainability" filter on the rezoning of the waterfront. LOI due in June.

3. Update on CCNY Student Project

Haven will ck on survey results and who it went out to and share report with CC. The goal of the project is to improve the Conservation Commission's outreach and communication to our audiences.

4. May 6, 2017 Riverkeeper Sweep – promotions, set up, other needs

All set. This is an opportunity to clean up trash from the Hudson shoreline. Volunteers should meet at 1pm at Harvest on Hudson in Hastings. Garbage bags will be provided.

5. Composting Drive and Composting Awareness Week

Outreach: tailor outreach master to compost drive; need graphics. We are doing a composter drive with the Greenburgh Nature Center.

6. Updates

- a. Hastings Takes Action – Environment
- b. Bus for Climate March: needs passengers but has enough to go; please send out to your friend list about the bus (Jean will send email)
- c. NYSERDA Grants (Clean Energy and Solar Permitting) - wait for Dan
- d. Route 9 Corridor - the first kick off meeting with the consultant is this Friday afternoon in Tarrytown. Dan and Andy are going to rep Hastings. The funding has come through and the consultant is now under contract, so we are moving ahead.
- e. Vine Squad - done for the season
- f. Green Building Code - no update

7. Announcements and New Business

Next River at Risk PCB. Sharon's colleague, expert on PCBs and risk assessment at EPA, and will get research the CC on airborne PCBs. Sharon will talk to Dan about timing for building demolition and remediation start. Ron will ask Robin Herbert from Mt. Sinai Children's Health Center.

Sharon to remind BOT/Raf about leaf blower ban until May 15 from the Village and how to handle waste (point to appropriate page on website)

Bianca reports that she has ordered seeds to start a pollinator garden at Hillside, which they'll plant after AP exams. She hopes to engage Nature Guides Program parents..

8. Annual Reports 2015-2016 and Minutes

Sharon will aim to get the agenda to Raf a week in advance of future monthly meetings.

Discussed having a rotating "secretary" every two months to take minutes and ensure they are distributed for comment via google docs, and posted. Haven will take this role for April and May and make sure February and March minutes are emailed to the village for uploading to the cc website. Bianca is willing to do a google docs tutorial.

We will amass last two years' minutes into annual reports and prepare them going forward.