

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building. 7 Maple Ave. 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 8pm

1. **Pesticide Use/Healthy Yards Education and Pledge (moved to #4)**
2. **Waterfront Building Demolition – Health and Safety Plan - Recap of DEC Public Info Session**
3. **Deer Exclosure, Hillside Woods**
4. **Energy Working Group**
5. **Sustainable City Network training course**
6. **Carbon Tax Forum**
7. **Paris Resolution**
8. **Updates**
 1. **Hillside Woods**
 2. **Route 9**
 3. **CEC Grant**
 4. **Pace Land Use Grant Proposal**
9. **Announcements and New Business**

Present: Andy Ratzkin (acting chair); Ron Cascone; Haven Colgate; Elisa Zazzera; Dan Lemons (trustee liaison). Also present: Leslie Barbagallo; Polly Bijur; Bill Crosby, Michelle Rafferty, Coco Zordan.

Waterfront Building Demolition – Recap of DEC Public Info Session

Dan reported on DEC meeting, early June. Arranged by DEC (very poor attendance)
CAMP - community air monitoring plan already set up. Monitors will measure particulates in real time; PCBs will be tested for daily (has to go to a lab). Misting systems to suppress dust. (PCBs, lead and silica travel on particulate matter/dust). Trains: demolition will not happen during rush hour. Waste will go to Staten Island via barge, then transfer to rail and/or truck to Indiana. Starting to set up now and will begin with asbestos remediation; should be done by September. Documents on website for more info.

Deer Exclosure, Hillside Woods

Next steps from info we gathered from experts. Exclosure the best option to save the woods. Ticks: awareness. Mouse nest insecticide materials? Deer only spread ticks long range; white-footed mice are the local vectors of ticks. Cardboard tubes packed with insecticide-laden cotton (bedding material) are a standard solution. Commission votes to send the recommendation Andy presented that was co-developed with the Parks and Recreation Commission to BoT.

Pesticide Use/Healthy Yards Education and Pledge

Haven, Michelle, Coco, Ron and Elisa will form a subcommittee to create recommendations and potentially an educational campaign against pesticides.

Energy Working Group

To address comprehensive plan and sustainability action plan items that concern energy issues. An adjunct group of people to assist CC and who really know the energy sector. Neighboring

towns have separate energy task forces to supplement their CC's. Potential members: Paul Harris, Leslie Barbagallo, Kerry-Jane King, Jean Hammerman and Ron Cascone. GHG emission reduction plan. Group votes to have Dan create the energy working group as outlined in his draft.

Sustainable City Network training course - Sharon expressed an interest in attending.

Carbon Tax Forum

Support of resolution to get Village on record (state-level) in support of carbon tax. Resolution tabled to next month, to allow members to attend June 29 panel discussion to learn more (see CC calendar).

BoT Paris Resolution

Commits to certain levels of GHG emissions reduction. Over 300 communities have pledged to meet the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement, in absence of federal response and intention to pull out of the Agreement. Will involve numerical targets: concerted, committed and integrated effort. May want to set up an auxiliary group to assist the CC since it is a major effort.

Updates

Hillside Woods Tree Inventory - still waiting on grant

Route 9 - 150k grant from state. Open houses in CC calendar

CEC Grant - will be submitted June 21; half of funds for engineering consultants to develop study of GHG-reducing actions; half of funds will be to carry out some actions; Sustainable Westchester committed to partner in developing a web-based model to evaluate GHG-reducing projects, based on the initial engineering study

Pace Land Use Grant Proposal - via Sharon: planning/zoning grant related to waterfront. LOI to Westchester Community Foundation is put together. Waiting invitation to apply for the funding.

Announcements and New Business

Anchorage: event tomorrow night at GNC - see CC calendar. Hoping to enlighten those inland of this threat and to get more people involved.