

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 8:00 pm
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1. PAWSA report-out (barges)
2. Energy Working Group Report
3. Sustainability Action Plan/CC Year Agenda/Interface between CC and paid Village staff
4. Leaf Blower Law review and possible revision
5. Complete Streets Implementation
6. Updates
 - a. Green Building Code
 - b. Carbon Tax Resolution
 - c. CEC and Tree Grants
 - d. Hillside Woods
 - e. Route 9 Corridor
 - f. Textile Recycling
 - g. Community Composting
7. Announcements and New Business
 - a. CC Annual Report due by 12/31
 - b. Planning our annual potluck dinner
 - c. CC member to attend Hastings Takes Action Environment meeting on 12/4

Present: Sharon Kivowitz (Chair), Haven Colgate (taking notes), Jean Hamerman, Kerry-Jane King, Coco Zordan, Dan Lemons (BOT liaison). Also present: Stan Avedon, Leslie Barbagallo, Faith Wershba (student liaison), Elisa Zazzera, Bianca Zordan (student liaison).

1. **PAWSA.** Dan reports. Original proposal is dead in the water. Risk and mitigations are being tallied by 24 indicators on a scale of 1-9 in Albany. Good representation of various constituents, from industry to recreational boaters, to environmental groups, to municipalities. We will need to follow up once the report and proposals are revealed.
2. **Energy Working Group.** Dan reports: Stalled in BOT in attempts to get group members approved. Ambiguity or uncertainty on how CC and EWG would be connected. The Conservation Commission moves to establish a subcommittee Energy Working Group with at least one member of the Conservation Commission sitting in the group as liaison. The group will report to the Conservation Commission and the CC will make recommendations to the BoT as we do now. Jean Hamerman seconds. Motion passes.
3. **Priorities and agenda:** We will meet outside of official meetings to review the Sustainability Action Plan and the Comprehensive Plan in detail, and prioritize objectives and actions for the Conservation Commission to undertake and suggestions for the village staff to undertake. We will present our recommendations to the Board of Trustees at a meeting.
4. **Leaf blower law.** Needs overhaul. Make homeowner liable? Phase out gas blowers? Gas mowers? Coco will take lead on investigating this. She will review what other municipalities are doing and [our own law](#).
5. **Complete Streets.** Fran is supposed to review restriping after repaving taking CS into consideration.
6. **Updates**
 - a. Green Building Code: is meeting soon.
 - b. Carbon Tax Resolution: for next month agenda
 - c. CEC and Tree Grants: notice of award on both grants. Usual delays etc., but we will start with pre-planning so we're ready to go when money arrives. Tree Grant is under Parks & Rec as they manage the woods. Main thing is ensuring the consultant is in sync with existing efforts.
 - d. Hillside Woods: David Downs is diligently revising and pursuing cost estimates for fencing. Public process: not sure next steps. Tabled until Andy is here. Park & Rec feels strongly that it is their asset to manage. CC does not want community to be sandbagged and needs to determine what kind of additional public process may be worthwhile. Dan may put on next BoT agenda.
 - e. Route 9 Corridor: SHARON: could you please paste in what you read at the meeting here? I had closed my computer and didn't catch it.

- f. Textile Recycling: seeking a Westchester-based company to replace bins at DPW and add one at Library parking lot and by the school. Jean suggests County Wide Textile recycling. Has a contract for Fran. Public education campaign will be needed. Jean moves to follow this plan. Motion passes.
- g. HS Environmental Club. Cleanup program: weekly trash pickup. Seeking to get composting started up again in the schools. Hillside not sorting properly and needs monitors. Interested in textile recycling. Agriculture club has worked on vegetable garden and E. Club the flower garden at Zinnser.

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