

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, Chair; Ron Cascone; Haven Colgate; Jean Hamerman; Kerry-Jane King; Coco Zordan; Dan Lemons, Trustee Liaison. Residents: Bill Crosby, Tim Downey, Melanie Hoops, Carina Piaggio, Muriel Poure, Kate Washton. Notes taken by Sharon Kivowitz and Haven Colgate.

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Hillside Woods update

Met with woods consultant. Doing site survey. Will also identify where to prioritize fencing. Suggested 2 public forums – June and September. Engage the community. Follow-up on state of the woods, create Friends of Hillside Woods group. June 7th meeting. Need to get the word out. Andy suggested we have a brief intro to have a brief CC survey. Village is collaborating on the project with Parks and Rec. Both groups have advocated some form of fencing. Need to figure out how we will afford to do it. Capital Expense. Now we will have a better-formed plan. Board will be more confident about allocating funds because of the plan. Tim thinks it is misguided project. No such thing as bringing back the woods. What can we honestly do. Need to clean the words first. All the legacy litter. Fencing makes no sense. Trees take down fence then the deer will reenter. We can't fill potholes how will we get the deer out. Get rid of invasive species. Tim volunteered to go in remove this out. Contact the Duke Estate in NJ. Encourage homeowners to replant.

1. June 7 Forum with Land Beyond the Sea consultant introducing project to the community
2. Children's Village? In terms of fencing? They are collaborating on the project
3. Plan for funding the fencing project a Board decision; will follow consultant's plan

4. Tim suggested a presentation by Carolyn Summers and monitoring and encouraging more yard and street trees by educating the public (along with making sure there is light for solar panels) and taking a look at Duke Estate in NJ for a blueprint. He is concerned that a downed tree from a storm will compromise the fence and the deer will get right back in. He also expressed his lack of faith in the village for maintenance.
5. Bill C: Street tree inventory unused? Should use it to get more funding from the state.

Future: campaign on invasive plants

Leaf Blower law update

First idea – allow police to send a reminder letter to the homeowner. Shift burden of paying the fine to homeowner from landscaper. First reminder letter and make note of date and time. Checking with the lawyer to make sure this OK. Dan needs to tell us what the process will be for the board after the attorney gets back to Dan. We should put it forward as a resolution then need public meeting. Conceivably can have it before the board a week from today. On as a board discussion not a resolution. So first discuss then a resolution/public hearing, then the board can vote. Tim wants to see the allowance of the use of an electric blower device. These weren't available when we wrote of law. Irvington and Dobbs allowed lithium battery blowers.

Now \$50 summons with no warning needed. Agreement that a reminder letter to homeowners following complaints by fellow residents might help w compliance.

Next steps: Dan will get response from village attorney on whether fines can be levied on homeowners instead of contractors; then a resolution and public hearing. Count on 3 meetings to amend the law: 1. Board discussion that may result in changes to resolution; 2. Public hearing; 3. Board decision.

Tim: advocates allowance for use of electric blowers. These are allowed in Dobbs & Irvington. They are quieter. Irvington requires a registration with the town. Tim recommends more education of landscapers.

Plastic bag update.

Food Town gives away a pallet of paper bags every week. We have requested them to put a sign up to remind customers to bring bags. We proposed to make the sign, install the signs. Now we want to amend the law to ban paper bags or add the fee to the paper bags. We should add a fee. Jean – three prongs. Meeting with foodtown with Mayor or Trustees. Then ask Linda and the Board to weigh in on the fee issue.

Coco reports that Food Town has been slow to promote reusable bags with its clientele despite numerous appeals. Committee recommends adding a fee for paper bags. This may be adopted at state level making it a moot point for Hastings. Jean recommends trustees talking to Food Town and also consulting with village attorney. Dan volunteers to talk to Robin Esteves. Sharon thinks we need another education campaign: there are plastic bags back at New China, Prime Meats and Farmer's Market. We need to ask Barb to talk to the downtown merchants. The education needs to penetrate more deeply; psychology project. Need a graphically consistent

campaign. Melanie reports that Girl Scouts in Hastings right now are motivated and looking for sustainability projects.

Jean will develop an rfp to do some graphics on waste. Girl scouts are looking for gold and silver medals. They are looking for projects. Melanie will be happy to be a liaison.

Ask Barb to speak with merchants again about the law.

Straws.

Inventory the straw givers. Education campaign. Require stores/restaurants to not automatically give a straw. Plastic straws were initially banned in the school. We should do an inventory to see who gives a straw. Then do an education campaign. Don't get unless ask for. Need materials that look like we have a campaign. We need a 0 waste campaign. Work with Barb on village events as compostable events only. Plastic free event working toward 0 waste. Goal with Barb.

Zero waste events. Talk to Barb Prisament & MJ Wilson. Hastings should adopt a zero waste plan.

Food scraps update.

Great success at the market: 3.25 binfulls last weekend.

DPW may eventually need to start picking up Saturday afternoons.

Next steps – getting more bins. Now DPW locks them and takes them on Monday to Greenburgh.

Chasing Coral movie

Need a village blast on this. May 19th at the Library. Story of how climate change is affecting coral reefs. We offered to cosponsor,

Indian Point: was standing room only.

Energy Working Group update.

Energy Working Group – State grant for charging stations for electric vehicles applying next week. Applying for grant this week. Proposing to put in lot behind pizza grill. SW corner of lot. Covers commuters and downtown. They have to put in a utility box and put in 200 amps. Could eventually run 6 stations off the drop. May 31 deadline for applying. But need to apply before \$ runs out. Also looking at municipal fleet monitoring and a fleet policy. This should be a priority project for that group. Need a policy to investigate what's available in non-gas powered non-fossil fuel powered equipment. Part of plan is to track vehicle use per trip.

State grant for charging stations application going out this week. Needs a charging pole; Steinschneider parking lot will be the site, SW corner of lot.

Municipal fleet. No one in Westchester has invested in an EV or hybrid vehicle. Ford is developing a hybrid vehicle in 2019 that will meet all police objections, including being pursuit rated (fast acceleration). Need a policy that will guide these sorts of purchases. Police will be able to test-drive in June. Need fleet GPS to track & monitor vehicle use.

CEC grant. NYSERDA has been very slow. Finalized budget and contract today. Energy audit with prioritized energy recommendations for Municipal Bldg and Library. \$25K for study and \$25K for implementation.

Transportation Working Group

List of projects posted. Fire chief vetoed traffic calming measures on James St. (5 speed humps) bc of its impact on response time (but might consider fewer).

Route 9 corridor: 2 wk consultation period; in dialog. Andy is working with consultants to fix drawings before dissemination; Sunday June 10 Tarrytown meeting.

Riverkeeper Sweep: big success: 40 volunteers. Eye-opening for the newbies.

Air quality alert days: restrict campfires and idling on orange days (combined PM10: particulates and ozone). Village can sign up on a website that will alert residents in our zipcode. Integrate with Raf on HOH TV crawl. Language will include explanation and a reminder to be "kind to our vulnerable neighbors." Dan to call Joe (the clerk). Tell him I'll be calling him and providing the blurb to send out.