

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 8:00 pm
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Agenda

Hillside Woods Update, Recap, What's Next

Leaf Blower Law Update

Plastic Bag Ban Update – Food Town

LELE Coordinator

Food Scraps Update

Limebikes Update and CC Involvement?

Plastic Straws

Updates

1. Energy Working Group
2. Waste Subgroup
3. Carbon Tax Resolution
4. Tree Grant and outreach efforts
5. CEC Grant
6. Route 9 Corridor

Announcements and New Business

Inter-Village Meeting

Intervillage meeting

Logo

Neighborhood Plants (operatives, agenda). Stick up for Sustainability. Tree structure.

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, Chair; Ron Cascone; Haven Colgate; Kerry-Jane King; Coco Zordan.
Guests: Bill Crosby; Noemia Boccato.

Hillside Woods Update, Recap, What's Next

Good meeting, packed room. Grant for fencing? Question of culling.

Leaf Blower Law Update

County-wide regulations may ultimately be the rule of law.

Those present are flexible on ban dates, but still think blowers should be banned in summer, even electric. To be discussed at Inter-Village Meeting on Thursday.

Plastic Bag Ban Update – Foodtown

Dan met with Foodtown and brought up the possibility of redoing the bag ban bill to include a fee for paper bags. Dan will try again; if FT is unresponsive, then we may pursue legislating the fee.

LELE Coordinator

Sharon will contact Josh Dorsky to see if he is interested in running the campaign.

Food Scraps Update

We need to get more word out. Kerry-Jane will email Pascale about mentioning the drop in her market reminder email. Enterprise article? Ron will write a white paper and reach out to Tim Lamorte. Better signage at market will help, plus better communication by Pascale with vendors.

Limebikes Update and CC Involvement?

Not sure if the CC wants to weigh in on this. "City" bikes are hard to ride on these hills, plus the roads are narrow, winding and without bike lanes. However, more bikes will compel more bike lanes, and create more ridership. Hastings Velo is a different kind of business and it's speculated that Lime Bikes will not impact them in the way the owner is worried about.

Plastic Straws

Someone needs to run this campaign, so if Kate wants to run with it, great!

Inter-Village Meeting

Thursday in Irvington. Reps from each village (quad Rivertowns plus Tarrytown) should be in attendance.

Updates

Energy Working Group

Ron attended. CEC grant: 50k grant; 25k for scoping study. Obviously to include the Muni Bldng, Library and JHCC; Fire Houses and EMS Houses were reviewed for energy usages as well. Electricity, natural gas. Using NYSERDA protocol to evaluate therms and kWh to determine GHG emissions. 25k for work. Need to check those figures! 25k for audit is very high.

Fleet policy: do we want to create guidelines for police etc when they buy cars? KJ: better to do a fleet inventory, understand their use, identify good candidates for replacement vehicles and make that recommendation, and if not purchased, village manager has to defend the choice. Dobbs has a policy which EWG will review. Village is planning on an electric vehicle for police detective. There are so

many on the market in the next couple of years, we will need to anticipate replacement cycles to evaluate best purchases.

Other updates:

Since some were missing, we were not updated on all topics.