

**Conservation Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Municipal Building. 7 Maple Ave. 2nd Floor Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 8pm**  
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1. Food Scraps Update – Food Scrap Collection Location
2. Healthy Yard Campaign
3. Plastic Bag Ban Update – Food Town
4. Inter-Village Workshop
  1. Leaf Blower Law Update
5. LELE Coordinator
6. CC Representation at Pace Land Use Waterfront Rezoning Workshop
7. Riverkeeper Request re: Army Corps of Engineers In-Water Barrier proposal in the Hudson
8. Finalize CC Logos
9. Updates
  1. Hillside Woods Update, Recap, What's Next
  2. Energy Working Group
  3. Carbon Tax Resolution
  4. Tree Grant and outreach efforts
  5. CEC Grant
  6. Route 9 Corridor
10. Announcements and New Business

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, chair; Ron Cascone; Haven Colgate; Jean Hamerman; Coco Zordan. Levi Matza, assistant intern to Fran Fobel; Sabine Reichert. Notes taken by Haven Colgate.

**Food Scraps Update – Food Scrap Collection Location**

Sharon will get on distribution list for CC emails.

First: very successful program. Enterprise article: Ron will write the Enterprise a letter to correct the omission that the project is a product of CC (and invite volunteers!). Haven will mention to Elisa. Location: we will continue current location, clarify Kelly Topilnick's comments with her, and revisit.

**Healthy Yard Campaign**

Will advertise volunteer opportunity to run with this, along with other items.

Neighborhood plant. Haven will organize a volunteer party in October. Jean will host an evening for CC to confer August 8th. Sharon will message CC members missing tonight.

**Foodtown:**

Foodtown seems unresponsive and uninterested in engaging, seemingly as they are worried about alienating customers. Perhaps easiest to have munis petition the county to enact a bag ban with fee. Put in multi-village meeting in October. Perhaps also have multiple persons petition Foodtown to promote reusable bags. Haven will confer with Anne about bringing this to inter-village meeting in October, and mention to Peter to think about bringing this idea to mayors (to have them petition the county). Sharon will contact Barb Prisament, Downtown Advocate, about Madaba and New China complying with regulation.

**Intervillage Workshop**

In the works

**Intervillage meeting**

Well-attended, excellent meeting. Following intros, we raised collective ideas: working with Rivertowns on composting & foodscraps; leafblowers; county waste contract; landtrusts; plastic bags; how to keep the conversation going (technically); scheduling a workshop in October; American Green Zone Alliance; Solarize Westchester for Community Solar; Solarize-style campaign for heating and cooling.

**Leaf Blower Law Update**

Levi will fill in “no restriction” munis

**CC Representation at Pace Land Use Waterfront Rezoning Workshop**

Sharon will confirm Dan will rep us; Sharon will also tap Andy

**Riverkeeper Request re: Army Corps of Engineers In-Water Barrier proposal in the Hudson**

Complicated engineering proposal; hard to get public to weigh-in when we and they don't know what to say. Need to get more info from Dan, who went to public meeting in Manhattan yesterday.

**Finalize CC Logos**

Needs some percolating.

**Updates**

**Hillside Woods Update, Recap, What's Next:** Dan not here.

**Energy Working Group:** \$16K grant from NYSERDA is in; electric car stations identified. Village pays 25% match. Want to advertise LED savings: 37K per year

in first 5 years during amortization, after which 100% savings. Levi will pull together the data for a Peter email. Gathering fleet data from Village. Spencer, Levi Dan and Joe are going to meet to discuss fleet policy. To determine: whether software should be purchased to track. Dan went to Rejuvenation Hardware Store and bought recycled chairs.

**Carbon Tax Resolution:** Andy not here.

**Tree Grant and outreach efforts:** Dan not here.

**CEC Grant:** RFP signed, drafted for energy audits. Looking for vendors who should receive RFP.

**Route 9 Corridor:** close to having back the final conceptual level corridor. Meeting September; no date yet.

**Sugar Pond:** Levi recommends coir logs. New bathymetric study should be conducted in August; perhaps with a student. Also test for other chemicals.

**DPW yard:** Signage to be installed for no plastic bags and no styrofoam and labeling commingled area.

Sharon will move September meeting to Tuesday the 18th, pending a quorum, bc of Rosh Hashanah.