

**Conservation Commission Regular Meeting**  
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 8:00 pm  
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1. Food Scraps – Scarsdale Tour
2. County Waste Contract
3. Reusable Bags – Foodtown and Free Reusable Bag Station
4. Inter-Village Workshop in the Fall
5. NYS Pollution Prevention Grant opportunity
6. Riverkeeper Request re: Army Corps of Engineers In-Water Barrier proposal in the Hudson
7. Hillside woods public meeting date and update
8. Updates
  - a. Energy Working Group
  - b. Tree Grant and outreach efforts
  - c. CEC Grant
  - d. Route 9 Corridor
9. Announcements and New Business

**Notes**

Attendees: Sharon Kivowitz, chair; Ron Cascone; Haven Colgate; Jean Hamerman; Andy Ratzkin. Also present: Sashi Nivarthi; Eileen Quinlan.

**New Member**

We unanimously welcomed Sashi as a new member of the commission and will set him up with Niki to formalize his membership.

## **Route 9 Corridor**

Hastings, Dobbs, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Andy spoke in front of BOT two weeks ago to give an update, which went well, and will seek their support going forward for the next phase. Funding will be required for a detailed engineering; so far only a general plan has been outlined. Study was state-funded, as Broadway is a state road. State is supportive bc of Broadway being a bike-through, plus bc it will hook up to the Tappan Zee Bridge. There will be cost estimate, parking etc. ironed out. In 2.5 weeks the steering committee – 3 reps from each village – will host a public stakeholder session for BOTs plus open houses for the public. New striping near Frasier Place, Shadowlawn on Broadway a result of public feedback. Temporary cones will be placed before work takes place. Working closely with Transportation Working Group.

Some grant funding sources have been identified. Jean will give Andy some introductions to folks she knows. Meanwhile Andy will continue to work to keep all the villages happy and working well together.

## **Hillside Woods**

Meeting of steering group this Thursday, 7pm, Community Ctr.; purpose is to review the survey results by LBS and discuss key recommendations that are in draft form

Public meeting to present draft management plan is Oct. 4 at 7pm in Community Ctr.

## **Food Scraps Program**

Tarps put over the dumpsters to discourage people from throwing other than food scraps. Aim to get a meeting with Mike and Fran at the Scarsdale dump to see what can be done. Also reached out to Scarsdale apartment complex to see how that is done. Invite managers from 555/556 Broadway apartments. We need to push back and go back to toters.

Ron will engage Neha Dhanik to come to our next meeting and describe the waste website program Sustainable Hastings has contracted to produce.

## **County Waste Contract**

Ron will call John Nonna tomorrow: 914-995-2690

## **Foodtown: Plastic Bags**

Jean will get gently used bag containers for a put-and-take at Foodtown.

see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wquKKRI1sL3ktcfKh6dvVRxgpv2KpQOy/view>

Barb (who stopped by) will see if she can make any progress with Foodtown mgt.

### **Intervillage Meeting**

Haven will resend doodle poll: last chance, and create a google doc for all commissions to record what they're working on, and a survey monkey for items people want as topics at the meeting.

### **Pollution Prevention Grant**

Haven has re-emailed the doc to the commission members and everyone has promised to review. Jean will help identify from whom to request letters of support, and also to review the budget.

### **River**

This is now full-on push to get public comments by Sept. 20. Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson have been working to get municipalities to weigh in.

HoH BOT passed resolution in August.

### **Updates:**

Jean reported on:

EWG: Electric charging stations being installed; some details will be decided next Monday.

NYSERDA grant: put out RFP and selected vendor today. Audit of buildings will begin soon.

Contractor has been recommended to BOT for approval tonight, 9/4

If approved by the BOT, they project 8-10 weeks to complete the analysis and submit report