

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 8:00 pm
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1. Food Waste – Update, report on Greenburgh meeting
2. Hillside Woods Update
3. Plastic Bag Ban – Take a Bag/Leave a Bag bins
4. Updates
 - a. Energy Working Group
 - b. Tree Grant and outreach efforts
 - c. CEC Grant
 - d. Route 9 Corridor
5. Announcements and New Business

NOTES

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, chair; Haven Colgate, Jean Hamerman, Sashi Nivarthi, Andy Ratkin, Ron Cascone. Also present: Fatou Jabbi, Sabine Reichert. Notes taken by Sashi.

Andy Ratzkin reporting: Woods committee meeting - Hillside Woods

Presentation on the program. Not sure how it will be budgeted fully, whether it is operational on capital budget. Question about funding-operational / bond?? What options do we want the village to implement?

The package will be circulated to all the members of the Conservation Commission. Tentative price tag \$357,000 (fences, trailhead, tree work etc.). Present all the options to Dan Lemons

Conservation Commission needs to consider resistance from the village. Teatown is a good example of how this was implemented. All options to be considered.

Route 9 presentation was highly successful. All villages showed up and everything was perfect. DOT to be involved. Funding sources to be explored. Every change will be vetted by DOT. Outreach to DOT on next steps. Andrea Stewart-Cousins sent a representative.

Climate Action plan: Andy to be a part of it.

Increase charging stations.

Fatou - new resident. Systems Science - Data Center Tech moved into energy conservation.

Green building code. New York code came out in '15. Village code not yet updated.

Haven and Sharon - Food Scraps.

Tarrytown, DF, Irvington, Greenburgh Nature center.

\$250,000 - Grant submission by Carol Murray.

Helping villages within Greenburgh

Curbside pickup.

County pays \$68 per ton as subsidy. Village will be incentivized to drive food waste reduction. County set up a Taskforce to analyze the issue. Sharon - use grant money to get a full-time person for coordination

Generate volume estimates for food scraps from restaurants, condos/co-ops and houses. Come up with ideas based on estimates. Clean the stream- our job is to get word to people about recycling

Thursday we will find out about contamination and proportions.

Greenburgh Nature center-food scrap-sent 4 people. Refer to Lindsay's email

Grant up for allocation in March 2019

Food reduction programs-Supermarkets donate food to pantries. Educate households to reduce waste.

Plastic bag ban-No bins yet. They are in Foodtown. Bring in any extra reusable bags. Educate cashiers.

Educate vendors in HoH to reduce plastic bags. Find decals for bags and vendors to display in stores.

Energy working group -Proposal coming back. Jan installation of charging stations

Police department bought gas powered vehicles. Audit of fueling within HoH. Concerned about the cost of charging.