

## **Conservation Commission Regular Meeting**

Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 8:00 pm

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1. Land Care
  - Hillside Woods
  - Vine Squad
2. Food Waste
  - New protocols for Hastings' dumpster; signage
  - Program expansion plans
3. Plastic Waste
  - DEF Meeting Update: State Recycle Right campaign; Know Before You Throw outreach planning
  - Plastic Bags – supermarket sharing bin update
4. Public outreach
  - Logo
  - Liaisons
5. Updates
  - Energy Working Group
  - Tree Grant and outreach efforts
  - CEC Grant
  - Route 9 Corridor
  - Next inter-village meeting (Jan. 27th)
6. Announcements and New Business

**Present:** Haven Colgate, Jean Hamerman, Kerry-Jane King, Ron Cascone, Sashi Nivarthi. Also present: Sabine Reichert.

**Hillside Woods Preservation:** Ask Parks & Rec for budget. Dan and David can decide on the materials that need to be produced. 01-08-2019. Target small populations and/or groups for getting the message across about the need for preserving the Woods. This is not just enclosing the woods. It's a long term project. People need to be engaged. Check village manager and lawyer about 501-3- (C) for a non-profit. Can we ask the village manager about any existing non-profit to utilize? Then reach out to Parks and Rec to issue statements. CC should thoroughly review LBS' report and decide whether to get 100% behind recommendations. **To-do:** Read the complete report, and everyone weigh in by 01-21-2019 / come together for a vote to endorse.

**Vine Squad:** Making great progress. Shared information with the lady from Dobbs Ferry. Need another leader. Successes are not being shared. Annual report to be taken on number of attendees and hours spent

**Quick download of 2018 accomplishments**

**Food Scraps program logo:** Sabine to look into the logos. Need to agree on whether the logo will simply be a shape or something we can add decals into depending on the purpose, as needed.

**Food Scrap program:** Michelle & Ron have offered to take building managers from Hastings to tour a multi-family building in Scarsdale that has a composting program.. Reach out more to neighbors regarding composting. Have high school students conduct pledge drives. Include girl scouts.

Sashi to set one pager ready on Dos and Don'ts of recycling and composting. To contact Sustainable Westchester/Neha for any information that can be included. We will get the word out on recycling.

**Recycle Right:** NY State education campaign. Westchester County is comparably clean with about 15% contamination. There are three main items to communicate to public: no plastic bags, clean your commingled containers, and don't mix commingled and paper recycling streams.

**Plastic bags:** need 100 reusable bags for the reusable bags bins at Foodtown.

**Inter-Village Meeting** will be Sunday January 27th, 2-5pm, at the O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road in Irvington. There will be a 5-minute recap by each village, then break into small focus groups.

Set up Gmail account for HoH CC

**Charging stations:** Get copy of the new audit report. Conduct fleet analysis.