

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting
Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:00 pm

Agenda

1. Hillside Woods – update and BOT presentation by Parks Commission on 2/19/19
2. Food Waste – update, possible movie on 3/31, composting in the schools, anaerobic digestion
3. Intervillage Meeting – recap
4. Repair Café – Tabling (collateral needed)
5. End of Year Report
6. Energy Working Group Update
7. Waterfront Update
8. County Climate Crisis Task Force
9. Water Conservation
10. Announcements and New Business

Present: Sharon Kivowitz, Chair. Haven Colgate, Jean Hamerman, Kerry-Jane King, Dan Lemons (Trustee Liaison). Also present: Jean Zimmerman (Tree Board member).

Hillside Woods

BOT accepted Hillside Woods report as submitted, completing contract of consultant. Dan is floating the project to see if we can get outside funding to accelerate the process. Dan will follow up looking to DEC forestry grants. Jean will talk to the Dept. State to see if there are open space funding streams available.

Get a photographer to do before and after photos. John Maggiotto? Jim Metzger?

Rivertowns Ramble: May 18th, in concert with Dobbs, Irvington, Ardsley and Tarrytown. It wd be a one-day, multi-hour walk with segments in each town. Possibly get a senior van?

Food Waste

No news on Greenburgh grant yet. Aiming for toters by the time the weather warms up. We established, with 4 members present, a Toward Zero Waste Working Group. Sharon will reach out to Elisa to see if she'd like to spearhead it.

Climate Smart Communities

Dan has created a checklist, which you can access [here](#).

Repair Cafe: April 13, 11-3, Community Center

Collateral on waste issues: HMRF, food scraps, friends of woods, recruit for LELE. Haven will ask Lindsay if they can help table on food waste and sell kits. Jean Hamerman will make a google doc and send around to our peeps for volunteering.

End of Year Report

Sharon Kivowitz will pull it together. Comp plan has updates Sharon can mine.

Energy Working Group update

Charging stations are delivered but not yet connected. Waiting for Muni buildings energy audit report from Ola (past due). Looking at fleet maintenance and tracking; there is no computerized tracking system yet.

Waterfront Update

Rezoning committee is disbanded bc developer backed out. So now there is no money for RFP for engineering and rezoning firms. So it's all on hold.

County Climate Crisis Task Force

Land use committee (Jean): tasked with coming up with low-cost, short-term initiatives that the County could implement. Looking at vacant properties to identify opportunities for solar, digesters, etc., etc.

Water Conservation

We should keep on our radar and seek to engage Sustainable Westchester on a county-wide effort.

Announcements and New Business