



Conservation Commission Regular Meeting

Municipal Building, 7 Maple Ave., 2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 8pm

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1. **Welcome to Mary Beth Murphy, the new Village Manager**
2. **Review of CC past accomplishments**
3. **CC's current goals and working cooperatively with Village staff**
4. **Announcements**
5. **New Business**

Present: Sharon Kiwovitz, Haven Colgate, Kerry-Jane King, Jean Hamerman, Sashi Nivarthi, Mary Beth Murphy.

Also Present: Matt Shapiro and Jude Joerger, seniors from HHS; Elisa Zazzera

Notes by Sashi.

The two students from Hastings High School have piloted a food scraps curbside pickup business:

www.hastingscompost.com

They provide custom containers, and collect food scraps from customers weekly. They drop it off at the DPW and charge \$5 per week. When it initiates curbside pickup, Greenburgh will not provide curbside for apartments (at least to start); could be a continuing opportunity for the students. CC's goal is to spread the word to the commercial businesses. Matt/Jude want to do composting at the school. Cross-contamination of compost to be controlled by educating the customers. They will be at the Farmers market. They should get in touch with the Enterprise. Voted by CC to support.

Update & Discussion with Village Manager

Cover what the Village CC and the Village has done, and what else we intend to do.

Plastic bag ban

Green Building code (architects, building inspector and BoT got together for 2 years)

Complete Street resolution

Leaf blower ban

Solarize

Community Choice aggregation

Community Solar

Food scrap program

Grant for Hillside Woods

Climate Action week 2008

Always had the support of the BoT, but not all the Village employees.

Green team developed with the Village employees, secured a grant but gave up due to lack of engagement from Village staff

Client Smart Community initiative. Village will apply for Bronze status this coming January. Making significant headway. January 10th is the deadline. Once we get Bronze, the next level would need recertification for everything right from the start. 5-year endeavor to move to Silver based on where the Village is currently. Having a plan will help the Village prioritize objectives that can also help garner more points.

CC communicated with the Village Manager past difficulties in achieving CC goals

Keep a channel of communication open.

Future projects:

Composting

Solid Waste— Zero Waste Sub-committee. Municipal and residential recycling operations. Village personnel to be volunteers and need to be involved. VM wants to know the agenda, wants a focused meeting with the DPW etc., to know in advance. Areas of improvement to be identified. For example, double-sided printing. Collecting food scraps at the Community Center. What are we ordering? How can we reduce single-use items? VM to see if there are any Village staff who are interested in being a part of the Green Team. Looking for synergies with the Downtown improvement group, e.g. on garbage bins.

Leaf blower law – Landscapers Summit this Jan – to provide a forum for the landscapers to talk about best practices

Vine Squad – partnering with the High School to lop vines

Hillside Woods – study conducted and the consultant grant to review the status of the woods. About to get grant money (hopefully) for the fencing (about \$250K)

Transportation – Traffic calming. Bike parking

Route 9 Bike Route plan – grant to study the traffic on Broadway

Regional issues – Decommissioning of Indian Point; Barge parking on the Hudson River; intervillage cooperation.