

Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting  
October 15, 2019

Agenda

1. **Silly String at public events**
2. **Anti-Idling measures**
3. **CC Outreach Strategy**
4. **Leaf Blowers**
5. **Updates**
  1. **Heatsmart**
  2. **Hillside Woods**
  3. **Food Scraps**
  4. **Pollinator Pathways**
  5. **Intervillage Meeting**
  6. **CC Note Taking**
  7. **Green Building Code Updates**
  8. **Route 9**
6. **Announcements**

**Present:**

Sharon Kivowotz  
Jean Hamerman  
Andrew Ratzkin  
Sashi Nivarthi

Louise Mullan  
Spencer Weart  
Fatou Jabbie  
Sabine Reichert  
Emma Rabinowitz - HoH High School Environmental Club and Sunrise  
Roísín O'Flaherty - HoH High School Environmental Club and Sunrise

Notes by Sashi Nivarthi

HoH CC has many working groups, Energy, Climate Smart Communities, Friends Of the Woods  
etc

Initiatives in the High School, and want to be a link between the school and the CC. CC welcomes the school to liaise with the CC, and understand better what the CC and the Village are doing regarding the environment and conservation.

Silly String - Complaints at one of the events in the Village. Gets everywhere, difficult to clean up and made of plastic. CC has asked the Village Attorney to look into this. At public events, there can be litter laws put in effect. The accelerant is also a potent GHG (in the category of refrigerants; #1 scourge on Drawdown). Barb, the downtown manager, convinced the stores to take it off their shelves. The CC needs to have a volunteer, write a resolution and request the BoT to take action on the resolution.

Anti-idling - We do have an anti-idling law but it is not enforced. CC needs to submit a resolution to the BoT. Need to find out from the Village Attorney if the parking maids can ticket for idling. Louise Mullan has agreed to volunteer. Sharon has forwarded Haven's email to Louise and Andrew Welch.

CSC - Submission in December, hope to get Bronze status in January 2020. Can create signs at the schools, train station etc to publicize certification

CC Outreach Strategy - To be tabled for a later meeting. Sashi to create a consolidated list of contacts

Leaf Blowers - Louise Mullan - Wanted to know about the leaf blower law which passed. It was before the time of the current CC was constituted. We have no enforcement. We cannot take photos or videos. Every town has a different law. Landscapers work across the county. Many villages and mayors are all aware of the issue. Leaf blowers are in the noise section of the code. The law for HoH only talks about the dates and the noise section is very outdated. Send a notice to all the landscapers to educate them about leaf blowers. Need to educate the homeowners too. Inter-Village forum to be hosted for all landscapers. Irvington needs landscapers to be licensed. Mulching in place. Sabine talked about the Enterprise on the Pollinator Pathways which talk about banning leaf blowers.

HoH High School - Trying to get a grant of \$500 towards recycling. School is not currently recycling. They are applying to the Green School Grants of NY State. They are planning to get a new type of bins that have cut-outs. Hoping to get other parents involved too. Is the administration supportive? PTSA supported a program a few years back but the program fizzled out due to lack of enforcement. Needs to have students involved. Needs a lot of education needed to ensure that cross-contamination. Elisa Zazzera can help. The students are enlisting the help of their Environmental teacher. Should apply for grants from the HEF and PTSA. There has been a zero-waste program but has no support amongst the students. Educating students - writing letters to politicians about the fossil fuels. They attended one of the Climate Strikes. School administration only let them have it during lunch hours. An idea is to have a zero-waste junior prom.

Heat Smart - NYS initiative. Replace boilers and air conditioners with heat pumps. DF and HoH are in for the winter group. People are encouraged to sign up for audits and based on the results, get heat pumps. An additional event is coming up on the 20th.

Hillside Woods - Walk on Thursday at 12:30 PM. Not open to the general public. Taro and Sarah are going to do project scoping, to familiarize themselves with the woods with reference to the plans drawn up. The Mayor might have secured through Tom Abenatty \$250,000 towards the fencing of Hillside Woods.

Food Scraps - Village collects food scraps. DPW was requested to clean up the bins since they are looking dirty. The town of Greenburgh applied and received a \$250K grant towards food scrap program for every town/village within the Town of Greenburgh for curbside pickup of food scraps. A truck is being bought. Compostable bags are not available at Foodtown.

Pollinator Pathways - Will be tabled for this meeting

Inter-Village meeting - Mostly about the Pollinator Pathways.

Green Building Code - Fatou and team are meeting this Tuesday to review the Village code and figure out the changes that need to be implemented.

Route 9A - Once all the villages are on board and the DoT is OK, then the plan will be put forth for funding. Tarrytown

The repair cafe will be on the 16th of November. HoH CC to have a table

The Mayor proposed a Single Procurement Policy for the Village. Best practices of procurement from all the villages