

Conservation Commission Minutes– January 13, 2022

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees

Present: Haven Colgate, Chair; Matt Hobby; Margie Lavender; Amy Listerman; Christopher Persheff; Sean Taggart; Mary Lambert, Trustee Liaison.

Also present: Elisa Zazzera. Notes taken by Matt Hobby.

8:00-8:05pm Introduction (Haven Colgate)

- Approved minutes from December 14

8:05-8:20pm BOT Update Part I (Mary Lambert)

- Electric Vehicle update
 - See Village's EV website:
<https://www.hastingsgov.org/conservation-commission/pages/electric-plug-hybrid-electric-vehicles>
 - NYSEDA website tracks the number of EV's registered in the Village
 - **Follow-up:** Think about possible HOH Electric Vehicle Owners' meet-up
 - Opportunities and hurdles for additional Village charging stations

8:20-8:25 pm High School Liaison update (Sophia Ferris)

- Clothing sale
- Meatless Mondays
- Recycling bins - got new tops from Business mgr to eliminate confusion
- Building bench for Sawmill River with Steve Pucillo

8:25-8:30pm Zero Waste (Elisa Zazzera)

- Take It Or Leave It Shed at Andrus continues to progress toward March 2022 opening
- Take-Out container project still underway
- Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions: New group focused on alternatives to Peekskill solid waste incineration plant

8:30-8:35pm BOT Update Part II (Mary Lambert)

- Grant for Warburton sidewalks
- One Warburton development: Planning Board will lead for Village
- Vest Pocket Park: Potential grant

- Savatree Consulting Group's Community Forest Management Plan: To be presented at next Board of Trustees meeting
- MacEachron Park hydrology and erosion survey
- Chemka Pool drainage project- May involve Sugar Pond area also
- Energy Smart campaign

8:35-8:50pm Ecosystem and land (Haven Colgate and Amy Listerman)

- Vine Squad update
 - Burke Estate
 - Discussions with Ardsley, Bedford, Hudson River Museum
- Hillside Woods Perimeter Fencing - Construction is beginning
- Hillside Woods tree inventory: lots of work to do
- Parks & Rec capital projects- Avoiding missing environmental opportunities such as plantings & pollinator pathway elements, water management elements & natural swales
- Hillside Woods ATV under consideration
- Urban Forester position possible in 2023
- Potential for Parks & Rec to gain expertise with electric leaf blowers
- Seeking third member of Tree Preservation Board
 - **Follow-up:** Village-Wide email seeking qualified arborists
 - Village Tree Code update

8:50-9:05pm Pollinator Pathways

- Adopt-a-Spot Girl Scout troop project: help with Wagner Plaza
- Spring campaign on pesticide awareness and native plant awareness
 - Simplifying of messaging
 - Positive alternatives to pesticides
 - List of top 5 pollinator plants
 - New Village resident welcome packages
 - Visits to interested homeowners' properties
 - Native plant sale at Farmers' Market.

9:05-9:10pm Other Events (Haven Colgate)

- Wednesday February 16th online NYSAC meeting: open format; details to be announced

9:10-9:30pm Outreach to Community / Community Engagement (Haven Colgate)

- Including more vulnerable / less vocal constituencies in the Village
- Information sources about Village sanitary sewer and stormwater systems
- Transportation, Adaptation and Energy sections of Climate working group

9:30pm Meeting ended

Next meeting: February 8, 2022