

## **Conservation Commission Minutes– March 8, 2022**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

### **Attendees**

**Present:** Haven Colgate, Chair; Aarthi Muthukrishnan; Matt Hobby; Amy Listerman; Mary Lambert, Trustee Liaison.

**Also present:** Dave Skolnik, John Halpin; Sarita Eisenstark. Notes taken by Matt Hobby.

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

- Approved minutes from February 8, 2022

### **8:05-8:35pm Earth Day / Earth Month planning (All)**

- **Follow up:** Haven to contact Patrick about Bio Blitz logistics
- **Follow up:** Haven to contact Dobbs/Tarrytown colleagues
- Zoom events
- Ray Hyland walk through Shadowlawn / Hopke neighborhoods to discuss runoff issues
- Tour/Introduction to Hastings' newest park, Quarry Park
- Bike Rodeo May 1, 2022 (May 15 rain date)
  - Conservation Commission table for alternative transportation
- Spring Thing May 15, 2022 (no rain date)
  - Conservation Commission table? Pollinator Pathways?
  - **Follow-up:** Invite Green Vendors (find out fee per table)
  - Energy-smart, solar panel, waste reduction
  - Head-dress vine wreaths (Girl Scouts)

### **8:35-8:40 pm Climate Action Plan (CAP) / CSC update (Mary Lambert)**

- Planning meetings for April & May

### **8:40-8:45pm Zero Waste (Haven Colgate and Aarthi Muthukrishnan)**

- Take It or Leave It (TILI) Shed at Andrus continues to progress toward opening
- HastingsZeroWaste.org website is up
- Replacing textile bins around Village

### **8:45-8:55pm Parks & Rec update (Amy Listerman)**

- Hillside Woods
- Hillside Woods fence damage to be repaired by Parks & Rec staff in the coming months
- Potential grant for fence maintenance

- Need for Village forester with experience in fencing

**8:55-9:00pm Ecosystem and land** (Haven Colgate)

- Burke Estate and seedlings
- Vine Squad continuing work until 4/9

**9:00-9:05pm Clean Air Collective** (Haven Colgate, Mary Lambert, Aarthi Muthukrishnan)

- Village landscaper registration process and related legislation
- Irvington law (January 2023 sunset date for gas-powered blowers delayed to December 2023)
- Larchmont landscaper event had 20 landscapers attending
- **Follow-up:** Mary and Haven will contact Larchmont Leafblower folks

**9:05-9:25pm Follow-ups from prior meetings**

- Electric Vehicle meet-up
- E-Bike meet-up
- Charging Station at Village Hall
- Planning Board is the contact for One Warburton conservation issues
- **Follow-up (Mary Lambert):** Savatree audit presentation at Conservation Commission May meeting
- Village's committees and commissions meeting each other

**9:25-9:30pm Announcements**

- Saturday April 2 Youth Summit on Gathertown
- Mark Lowery discussion of legislation
- **Follow-up Item:** Matt to coordinate with Peter McCartt for May ~12 Zoomapalooza Water Week Know Your Stuff Wastewater Treatment Plant discussion

**9:30pm Meeting ended**

**Next meeting: April 12, 2022**