

Conservation Commission Meeting Notes March 16, 2023

Present: Haven Colgate (Chair), John Castiglione, Eyal Dror, Matt Hobby, Margie Lavender, Amy Listerman, Aarthi Muthukrishnan, Mia Christie (High School Liaison).

Also present: Melissa Ehrenreich and Louise Mullen. Notes by Matt Hobby

Agenda

Update from High School liaison

- Hillside School visit
- High School liaisons' Adopt-a-Spot project

Farmers Market mini-eco fair event (Saturday April 1 9:30-1:00pm)

- Looking for high school volunteers
- TILI Garage sampler, ZWAT, CC, VS, HPP and CAC tables
- Vine Squad working in parking lot

TILI Garage Event (Sunday April 2)

- Good Witch Cafe

Spring Thing on Warburton (Sunday April 23)

- Looking for volunteers
- Zero Waste and Conservation Commission tables et al.

Hillside Garden options

- High School liaisons may adopt it

Leaf Blowers

- Enforcement and fines begin May 16
- Larchmont (beginning Fall 2022): Electric leaf blowers only; Spring and Fall only.
- Hastings: does not specify electric vs gas; all blowers allowed Spring and Fall only.
- Discussion of landscaper communication issues
- Non-grass landscaping services for landscapers to offer
- Healthy Yards tour this year

Development Projects

- March 23 Zoning Board meeting
- Zero Nodine residential proposal
 - Discussion of waiving viewshed over Aqueduct
- Electric Owl Development

- Heavy truck traffic on Broadway
- Permanent re-zoning of site

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Mini Eco Fair (Saturday April 1)
- TILI Garage Event (Sunday April 2)
- Climate Smart Communities Task Force presentation (Thursday April 13)
- Rivertowns Repair Cafe (Sunday April 16, Tarrytown)
- Great Sawmill Cleanup on Earth Day (Saturday April 22)
- Spring Thing (Sunday April 23)
- Arbor Day Celebration (Saturday April 29)
- Riverkeeper cleanup (Saturday May 6)

Scheduling: Return to Zoom meetings on Tuesday nights beginning Tuesday April 11

Spring events & outreach

Water campaign

EV campaign

Additional campaigns – Solarize, Home Energy Efficiency and HVAC

Reallocation of \$25k funding