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