

**Conservation Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Municipal Building, 7 Maple Ave. 2nd Floor Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 8pm**

1. Inter-village Meeting Recap
2. Pollinator Pathway
3. Hastings Sunrise Chapter
4. Plastic Straw Initiative
5. Climate Smart Communities Update
6. Food Waste Update
7. CC Public Outreach at the Farmer's Market
8. Hillside Woods Update
9. Route 9A Update
10. Announcements and New Business

**Present:** Sharon Kivowitz, Chair. Haven Colgate, Sashidar Nivarathi, Andrew Ratzkin.  
Also present: Irene Jong, Michael Mon, Jay Straus.

**Notes by Sharon**

**Intervillage Meeting & Pollinator Pathways**

CC members present agreed that we will engage in Intervillage Pollinator Pathway project.  
Table at Farmers' Market: this week is Pollinator Week. Get signups. Commitment or pledge.  
Gather email addresses. Provide resources for plants, where to buy. Plant sale.  
Nurseries: Rosedale and Carlsson on DF Road.  
Plant sharing! List of deer-resistant things to plant  
Pesticide education. Mosquito education. BTI. Bat house.  
Work with Irvington and DF Garden Clubs, WCC Native Plant Center.  
Jan ! Carol  
Garden tour.  
Talk by Carolyn Summer? Join with other villages.  
Advertise June 30th Pollinator Pathway event in Irvington.

**Ardley:** School bond for 5M to put solar panels on parking lots.

**Dobbs:** art/poetry contest all schools; plus 500 reusable bags gifted with pic and poem on bag

**Irvington:** Pollinator Pathway; eco-resistant board; young people are showing up.

**Tarrytown:** lots of new residents and expanding green interest.

**Wheelabrator contract:** signed and not amended. County is supporting food scrap recycling. County banned single-use Styrofoam.

### **Sunrise Movement**

Jay Straus. Wesleyan U student. Rivertowns Sunrise, chapter of a youth-led movement for environmental justice. Big on Green New Deal. Just starting; focused on getting high-schoolers involved. Screening 1st Primary debate at the Rec Center; these are being screened around the country. Researching what's being done in Westchester. Reading about Waterfront and waste projects. Put pressure, have actions. Climate change, just transition.

### **Last Straw Project**

Haven will take her daughter Faith's mockup to Sakura. Sharon will talk to Bread and Brine.

### **Climate Smart Communities**

NYS program run by NYSEERDA. Do GHG survey/metric, then set goals; leads to greater availability/priority for NYSEERDA grants.

Meeting June 17th. Village staff will need to pull weight; fortunate to have Levi in the house this summer (VM intern) as it's a heavy lift.

### **Food Waste**

Some disappointment with DPW's handling of composting bins.

Vendors at FM tried to dump all their garbage on the village.

Sabine suggests a 5¢ bin (for deposits).

KJ suggests inviting Bud Nicoletti to come and review our DPW yard.

### **Hillside Woods Update**

Need to investigate what the holdup is with the plan and find out what the status is. Haven nudged May 26th. Andy will nudge Dan again.

### **Route 9**

Need to: get villages to re-up commitments and reaver support for project; partner with State DOT

Good meeting with Joan McDonald, Latimer's head of operations at DOO; gave good contacts at State DOT

Andy drafted a template for the villages. Georgia plans to get it on the agenda for the next BOT meeting. Dobbs ready to go; Tarrytown is tricky bc of parking on Broadway. Will likely melt into sharrows (stenciled bike lanes for shared roads) in Tarrytown. Irvington is complicated. Wants a

study of the study to see if they theoretically support the study. We will network with our peeps to see if we can encourage them. [Route9active.org](http://Route9active.org)

Conversation about speed humps on James St. and innovative alternatives. Resuming analysis in the fall; highly respected firm's recommendations were shut down. Lots of frustration.

### **Logo**

We all agreed that we will use Sabine's Palisades logo. Yay!