

Sleepy Hollow Environmental Advisory Committee
April 6, 2015

Present: Claire Davis, Acting Chair; Barbara Carr, Dan Convissor, Dave Avrin,
Narendra Reddy, Kristen Lankester, Beverly Jansen

Guest: Sharon Camlic

Meeting opened at 6.08 PM

1. **Minutes** for March 2, 2015 were approved via email.

2. **Action Items:**

- May 9th Spring / River Cleanup: The Committee will lead the cleanup at Douglas and Devries parks and also promote the one at Kingsland park. Current volunteers are Barbara, Dan, Dave at Douglas and Claire, Narendra, and Sharon at Devries. Francois will work on Route 9 along the Manors. Claire will contact Susan McFarlane from Ichabod's Landing to find out if there will also be a cleanup at Horan's Landing. The times for the cleanup at each location will be circulated by Claire via email. The Committee will help distribute Riversweep0 posters that were provided by the Riverkeeper. The Village is printing its own flyer as well. Claire will make copies of EAC printed materials and contact info available for distribution at the various sites.
- T-Shirts will not be made for this event as time is short and the Logo is not ready. Volunteers for the cleanup are encouraged to make their own name tags indicating they are part of the EAC.
- Road Salt: further discussions should be held with R. Gross. It was decided that Francois R, Dave A, and Dan C should meet with Mr. Gross to consider cost effective organic alternatives to the current salt being used.
- "15% in 2015" campaign: Claire read out Bhavya's revised list of ideas and it was decided to ask Bhavya to post them on the Committee's website. It was also decided to discuss ways to publicize the website at the next EAC meeting

3. **Reports and updates:**

- a. Invasive plant identification : it was suggested that the chart provided by B. Carr from the Westchester Community College Native Plant Center be put on the EAC website together with links to other useful sites. Dave will provide additional links to Claire and Bhavya.
- b. Scenic Hudson Trails Project: Claire attended the March 24th a work session of the Village Trustees where a representative from Scenic Hudson gave a presentation on the project to develop a plan to fill in missing sections of the Riverwalk in both Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. It was noted that existing

sections are not well signed especially between the Phillipse Manor train station and Rockwood Hall Park. Claire explained that the next step would be a Public Meeting, probably in mid to late April – date and location to be announced. Claire will continue to keep the Committee informed.

c. Workshop on Integrating Downtown Revitalization and Complete Streets Planning Using Street trees, Porous Pavement and Structural Soils. Claire and Francois attended the workshop in Nyack along with Shelly Minerr of the Tree Commission. Many of the ideas are relevant to Sleepy Hollow and perhaps should be discussed with the developers of Lighthouse Landing and/or presented to the Village Trustees as appropriate. Porous paving for example can reduce icing and need for filling potholes and spreading salt. It was suggested that we might arrange for a speaker on these ideas to address the Village Trustees

4. EAC Mission Statement

Claire circulated a proposed Mission Statement taken from the “adopting resolution” with minor revisions. It was approved unanimously for posting on the EAC Website. A copy is attached.

5. Keeping Pollution out of our Waterways

It was decided to postpone this item to a future meeting. It was noted that the technique under consideration (construction of swales beneath overpasses) is being used in highly urbanized areas to reduce storm surge in sewers and storm run-off and may not be applicable to Sleepy Hollow. It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting regarding possible applicability to both the Lighthouse Landing project and the proposal for a new master plan for the Village. It was suggested that Sean McCarthy be consulted and possibly invited to discuss this at a future EAC meeting.

6. Solarize Westchester

Sharon Camlic, informed us about a proposed NYSERDA campaign, called Solarize Westchester, to encourage residents to install solar panels under a cooperative scheme that would reduce their installation costs. She was invited to prepare a paragraph that members of the Committee could circulate to interested parties. The Committee indicated that it was not in a position to take the lead in getting the project underway in Sleepy Hollow, but supported the idea of wider use of solar energy and would reach out for possible volunteers from other local groups who might be interested in playing a leading role in this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45 PM.

The next EAC meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6 PM at Village Hall