

Minutes of the May 7, 2019, Meeting of the Putnam Valley Commission for the Conservation of the Environment

In Attendance: CCE members Mike Usai, chair, Mia Azcue, Pat Grove, Friedel Muller-Landau, Eileen Reilly, Julie Ruben, and Glenn Sapir; Wendy Whetsel, liaison to the Town Board; Lynne Bernstein and Ina Cholst, town residents.

The meeting was called to order in the Putnam Valley Library at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been accepted by email and posted on the town website.

Some discussion took place regarding cleanup efforts conducted by a few CCE members. All efforts were successful, though participation seemed to be limited to only the members and, in some cases, family members. Pat Grove indicated that her planned cleanup was scheduled for later in the month.

Julie Ruben asked what the protocol is if an environmental emergency occurs, and Wendy Whetsel said that the Town Code Enforcement Officer should be notified.

Bulk of the discussion for the evening's meeting focused on the upcoming CCE meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at the Putnam Valley Library (NOTE: the meeting has been since moved to Town Hall), when Tom Patterson, chairman of the town's Planning Board, and Bruce Barber, the Wetlands Inspector and Town Planner, would be guests of the CCE. The sentiment was to see how the CCE can best work within the town governance as the advisory committee it is authorized to be in our town's code.

A few upcoming meetings of interest were mentioned, one being a possibility at the Putnam Valley Library on combating climate change, the others already scheduled on June 14. One is Hudsonia's workshop on Recognizing Habitats, held at the Hubbard Lodge on Rt. 9 in Philipstown, from 1 to 4 p.m.; the other, the Lower Hudson Valley Lakes Conference, held by the Federation of Lake Associations, at the Sedgewood Club in Kent Cliffs from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The next CCE meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at the P.V. Public Library

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

MIKE USAI will send all CCE members planned talking points with Tom Patterson and Bruce Barber within a week, so that members will have a chance to add suggestions to that list.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir, Secretary
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