

## Minutes of the PV CCE Meeting 3/16/21

In attendance: Eileen Reilly, chair; Mia Azcue, Julie Ruben and Glenn Sapir, commission members; Bianca Garcia, student member; and Wendy Whetsel, Town Board Liaison.

Eileen Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m via Zoom.

Eileen reported that Glen Baisley, town webmaster, had posted an article on plastics and a notice that the CCE had an opening for two new members.

Bianca Garcia reported that she had set up an Instagram account for the CCE (PV\_CCE), and she needed to know whether we wanted this to be public or private. She was told to make it public. She will make our first posting, a summary of an article on plastics, with a link to the article. She will try to incorporate our logo into the account and run it by each member before making it live.

Ralph Smith could not make the meeting, but in his stead Wendy Whetsel reported that at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, a date will be set for a public hearing on proposed regulations regarding the of solar and wind energy-generating projects.

Wendy reported that at that March 16 Town Board Meeting Town Supervisor Sam Oliverio will put an addendum in the meeting agenda to introduce a resolution to make the NRI part of our town code. The CCE members explained to Bianca the significance of the NRI and this proposed action.

Julie reported that she had an appointment with Nate Nardi-Cyrus for Monday, March 21, to discuss the next step in developing an Open Space Inventory.

Eileen brought up our proposed idea of joining the Lower Hudson PRISM, which required regular attendance and committee work by partners. Julie, who is already a partner representing Three Arrows, will inquire as to whether she can serve as a dual partner of both Three Arrows and PV CCE in lieu of becoming a member/partner.

Mia Azcue asked why probationary member Elena Day had stepped down from the CCE, and Julie explained that Elena had taken a new job in NYC and that she feared she would not be able to participate in meetings once they resumed in-person. Julie will ask if she would continue serving if she can participate via Zoom while the rest of us meet in person.

Eileen reported that Sam Oliverio suggested that the CCE write a letter to the Yorktown Planning Department opposing the proposed solar farm on property in Yorktown that is adjacent to the PV HS. Julie volunteered to write a letter on behalf of the CCE.

Mia recapped a proposed state bill to make mfrs. more responsible for making their packaging recyclable. Mia reported that she had submitted a letter on behalf of the CCE supporting the bill. Julie encouraged us to utilize a relevant link she had sent to CCE members.

Eileen reported on the most recent Planning Board meeting. One project was a home expansion that required a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Also, completion bonds were discussed by the Planning Board members that would assure completion of the new fire station and modifications to the

adjacent ambulance facility. Eileen also reported that she was publicly recognized at the Planning Board meeting as chair of the CCE and asked to introduce herself.

Discussion turned to the CCE web page on the town website and our own Facebook page. Julie asked to become an administrator of our Facebook page and then “tool around” to see if she can help make it more user friendly. Julie also offered her services to provide visuals for potential posts.

Discussion about a recent email forwarded by Julie on Greenway Community grants ensued. Glenn Sapir volunteered to find out more about becoming such a community and the obligations that come with such status.

Julie mentioned several webinars coming up being offered by various organizations. Eileen mentioned an upcoming program, an environmental film, being offered by the Peekskill CCE. Glenn suggested that we have a calendar on our website for which any of us members could post upcoming events to keep ourselves and our followers posted. Glenn also suggested that we start a list of organizations that offer such special programs and include their contact information.

Eileen reported that a Putnam County Focus Group on Solid Waste Management has been formed by the county Board of Health and chaired by the county Commissioner of Health, and Eileen will attend its next meeting. The group will be reviewing the 10-year-old county plan and update it, portion by portion, at each meeting. Sam Oliverio will also be attending these meetings. From this discussion, Mia offered to investigate increasing town-sponsored drop-off days for certain waste.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir