



**PUTNAM VALLEY  
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
Town Hall, Putnam Valley NY 10579**

**Minutes of the May 10, 2022, CCE Meeting**

In attendance: Chair Wendy Whetsel, members Mia Azcue, Jean McGee, Glenn Sapir and Mike Usai.  
Absent: Member Eileen Reilly and Julie Ruben.

Wendy Whetsel called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. at the Putnam Valley Library Community Room.

Jean McGee reported on the most recent Planning Board meeting, which both she and Eileen Reilly attended on behalf of the CCE. Jean noted that perhaps the proposal of a new business on Oscawana Lake Road is of most interest because it is in the fairly early stages and the building is proposed for a very visible area of town. It is a new business whose environmental impact is unknown at this point. Nothing has been finalized on that proposed project.

Wendy Whetsel showed three documents she has posted to her own Facebook page on why trees are important. She wants to see them posted on the CCE Facebook page. Glenn Sapir said before we do so we should know the source of the information. Wendy said she would research that.

In the same vein, Wendy wishes to expand our education efforts by telling people the dangers of invasive vines and how to remove them. Glenn suggested that we repost our video on removing these vines and the article on alternatives to Roundup to eradicate the vines. Glenn was asked to investigate location of both the video and article.

Jean continues to explore the possibility of establishing a town compost site.

Wendy talked about the many products that are made from recycled material. She suggested posting links to websites that have information on such products. Wendy said she will send CCE members links to such websites to review and make recommendations for posting on our Facebook page.

Glenn reported on further investigation into the Tree City USA program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. With some guidance from the chair of the Yorktown Tree Conservation Advisory Commission, Glenn will continue to investigate how Putnam Valley might qualify for Tree City USA status.

Remembering the popularity of the photo contest, What's in Your Backyard, that the CCE conducted a few years ago, Wendy wishes to encourage residents to send photos of local wildlife and nature for posting on our Facebook page. This could be announced as part of our report at a Town Board meeting, on the town website and on our Facebook page. We would want it sent to our CCE email address, but since that address hasn't been used, we need to research what that address is and who can access it.

Glenn reported that he followed up and conducted an inspection of the two bridge projects being conducted over Peekskill Hollow Creek, and he did not notice any detrimental effects to the stream as a result of the construction.

Glenn handed out to each member a copy of an insert that came with his most recent NYSEG electric bill in which broken down was the fuel sources for the electricity the utility provided in 2021.

Mia Azcue reminded us of the success of our table at the Tompkins Corners Farmer's Market last year and recommended that we be similarly involved this year.

Next meeting was scheduled for the Community Room of the PV Library on Tuesday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir  
Recording Secretary

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING:**

WENDY: ●Research sources of tree information, get permission for its use and create file to be posted online.

- Investigate the history of the CCE's email address and who can access it.
- Send CCE members for their review links to websites regarding products made from recycled material.

JEAN: ●Continue to develop a proposal for a town composting site.

GLENN: ●Investigate location of both the video and article on invasive vine removal we had previously posted.

- Continue to investigate how Putnam Valley can meet the requirements for Tree City USA status.

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