



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

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2022, MEETING OF THE PV CCE

In Attendance: Chair Wendy Whetsel, Members, Eileen Reilly, Julie Ruben and Glenn Sapir

Absent: Mia Azcue, Jean McGee, Mike Usai, Town Board Liaison Ralph Smith

Wendy Whetsel began the meeting on Zoom at 6:05 p.m.

Wendy referred to countywide meeting focusing on bluegreen algae, coordinated by the county Dept. of Health. She had previously distributed notes prepared by PV resident Agnes Powe. Wendy suggested we might invite Ms. Powe to a future meeting.

A letter from Town Supervisor Annabi to Legislator Gouldman suggested to us that the CCE might have been ignored in an environmental decision for which we might have been included. Julie Ruben agreed to write a letter to Town Board Liaison Ralph Smith to learn more about this issue and asked that members, after receiving the draft, contact her promptly with approval and/or edits.

Wendy read Jean McGee's "temporary resignation" letter in which Jean cited a new job and other volunteer work preventing her from continuing on the CCE. Jean's resignation leaves an opening on the CCE. Wendy and Julie both said they had potential candidates in mind and were encouraged to start the process of possibly recruiting one of them.

Wendy suggested that we each use our own personal Facebook pages to promote environmental causes. Wendy asked that we each adopt an environmental issue to research and promote, leaving it up to individual members to participate in this proposal.

Wendy asked whether we would like to have a table at Town Day in September. General consent encouraged her to apply for a table, at which handouts could include excerpts from the Town Code that covered environmental regulations.

Discussion ensued on our work moving forward. It was agreed that we need to state goals and lay out strategies to achieve them. Members are encouraged to verbalize goals they would like us to achieve.

Wendy reported that a letter was sent to NYSERDA inquiring about funding sources to help upgrade the grid.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13 at the PV Library Community Room at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir, Recording Secretary

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING:

WENDY WHETSEL

- Begin process of gaining necessary background info on candidate for the CCE.
- Adopt an environmental issue to champion by researching and promoting, if you so choose.
- Give thought to a goal(s) we should strive for and develop a strategy for achieving that goal.
 - Select a relevant item or article already on the Internet, secure permission to reprint it and forward link and appropriate credit to Eileen.

EILEEN REILLY

- Adopt an environmental issue to champion by researching and promoting, if you so choose.
- Give thought to a goal(s) we should strive for and develop a strategy for achieving that goal.
 - Select a relevant item or article already on the Internet, secure permission to reprint it and forward link and appropriate credit and post it on our Facebook page.

MIKE USAI

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JULIE RUBEN

- Write a draft to Ralph Smith and distribute to CCE members for input.
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MIA AZCUE

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RALPH SMITH

- Update the CCE on the town's response to Peekskill's proposal on watershed management.
- Respond to the letter that will be sent by Julie.
- Attend meetings regularly and update the CCE on relevant Town Board issues and discussion.

GLENN SAPIR

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