



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

**MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 13, 2022, MEETING OF THE PV CCE**

In Attendance: Chair Wendy Whetsel, Members, Eileen Reilly, Mike Usai, Julie Ruben (by phone) and Glenn Sapir

Absent: Mia Azcue, Town Board Liaison Ralph Smith

Wendy Whetsel began the meeting in the Community Room of the Putnam Valley Library at 5:45.

Wendy reminded us that we now have the library space on Tuesdays only from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wendy chose to discuss the fourth item on the agenda first, which was our participation in Town Day at the Town Park from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. She suggested that we have nature photos to hang on a backdrop she will provide, so if you have any framed prints, please bring them for the day. Glenn said he would bring a few bridge chairs and two tables and would arrive around 1 or so to help set up. Other members might want to bring a chair or two. Wendy also asked that we bring handouts of CCE-related topics, such as conservation, recycling etc. She suggested 10 copies, but 20 might be wiser. Please try to pick out a handout or two and bring copies. Glenn said he would print out an article or two he wrote for our town website page. Tom Carano has raised about 70 white spruce seedlings that he will bring to our table for us to distribute. Remaining trees will have to be delivered to the PV Library, which has agreed to care for and distribute them for a small donation.

Wendy reported that the County Legislature adopted a resolution urging Gov. Hochul to veto a bill providing further protection to small (Class C) streams. The CCE members feel that this is important legislation, as it further protects our drinking water. Only 1.2 percent of the water on our planet is drinkable, according to National Geographic magazine.

Glenn and Wendy, though perhaps other CCE members may go, said they would attend the Wed., Sept. 21, meeting of the Town Board, at which time they will discuss and presumably adopt revisions to the Town Code. They were to present to the Board the CCE's recommendations, other comments and questions regarding Designated Ridgelines and ridgeline development. (After the meeting, Glenn learned he could not attend and sent Wendy the comments and questions that had been raised earlier by the CCE.) In April 2021 Mike Usai sent to Bruce Barber, at Bruce's request, the CCE's recommendations to ridgeline management. Wendy said she would ask Bruce whether

those recommendations had been considered and Julie said she would contact Ralph Smith with a similar concern.

Wendy issued a reminder that we need to recruit a member to fill the vacancy created by Jean McGee's resignation. Glenn suggested that a main qualification of any candidate we consider should be that he or she is highly tech savvy.

Wendy suggested that, because we are now limited to an hour for our meeting in the library, we should consider having a second meeting each month via Zoom that would have voluntary, not mandatory, attendance.

Glenn suggested that the CCE be represented at each monthly Town Board Meeting, which is held the third Wednesday of the month. Wendy encouraged CCE members to look at their calendars and come to the next CCE meeting with the month of the meeting they would attend. We were looking for one person, though more would be great, to attend a meeting.

The next CCE meeting is scheduled for Oct. 11 at the PV Library Community Room at **5:30 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir, Recording Secretary

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