

## **Putnam Valley Commission for the Conservation of the Environment**

Meeting Start: 5:13. Members in attendance: Wendy, Mia, Ralph, Mike, Aubrey, and Julie (on phone)

- Decided that a CCE member should give an ecotip at each townboard meeting during town reports.
  - Discussion on whether to give a full report or just an ecotip, settled on the latter.
- Looked at library recycling posters and if they'd be appropriate for our Facebook page.
  - Discussion about posters and what's the best way to reach out, educate, and engage the public.
- Agreed to add associate member.
- **Wendy** to pursue and update Open Space Inventory.
- **Aubrey** to make new email and new Facebook page.
  - More content generates interaction/interest
  - Can link Facebook to Instagram, and possibly Nextdoor too.
- Long discussion regarding water contamination.
  - Where is source - Culverts? Dumping at fire department? Personal garbage?
  - It was noted that the fire department dumping and the PFAS in water are two separate issues – PFAS are found in water globally.
  - Is town planning to address/educate the public regarding PFAS?
    - **Ralph** hasn't heard of anything as yet
  - Elementary school had acceptable limits for drinking but levels high enough to pursue remediation in class action suit against 3M, DuPont, and other companies named in suit.
  - PFAS are found in high concentrations (bioaccumulate) in freshwater fish
- Decided to engage PV high school students – Wendy will reach out to school.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> town board meeting we will introduce the Ridgeline Map.
- Passed around sheet regarding on global warming prevention (drive less, produce less waste, etc.)
- **Aubrey** volunteered to lead in-person or video guide for invasive vine removal.
- Discussion about moving powerlines underground, specifically around business district.

- Deciding on who to send to planning board as a liaison
  - It would be helpful if sound volume was increased so one can hear comments from the planning board and the applicants
- **Wendy** to email Michelle Babnick to ask her to send planning board agenda to Mike.
- Next Planning Board Meeting on 2/13. Next Town Board meeting on 2/15.
  - Is there any way we can get a heads-up on code changes?
  - Agenda is posted at 8AM the morning of the meeting.
  - **Mike** to let us know of pertinent issues ahead of time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

**Next meeting is 3/9/2023 at 5:30PM-7PM**

Submitted respectfully by Aubrey Carter