



## PUTNAM VALLEY COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

### MINUTES OF THE AUG. 10, 2023, MEETING OF THE PV CCE

In Attendance: Chair Wendy Whetsel, CCE members Eileen Reilly, Julie Ruben and Glenn Sapir and ad hoc member Christie Kroll

Absent: Mia Azcue, Aubrey Carter and Mike Usai and CCE ad hoc member Ciara Clauss

The meeting was called to order at the Putnam Valley Library Community Room at 6:12 p.m.

Wendy Whetsel reported that the GIS mapper working on the revised ridgeline map does not have available data on ridgelines in Fahnestock Park, but will seek additional possible sources of that information, as well as an authority who can provide verbiage as to why that information is not available or necessary if, in fact, the mapper cannot detail ridgelines in Fahnestock.

Christie Kroll reported that the NY Times ran an article (<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/11/nyregion/mikvah-cemetery-rockland-county.html?searchResultPosition=1>) on Har Shalom Cemetery in Saddle River, NJ, which she felt covers points that may parallel the proposed Rabbinical Seminary of America cemetery on Barger Street. Wendy stated that she has been told the cemetery is not on the agenda of the next Planning Board meeting.

Wendy passed along Aubrey Carter's message that nobody showed up for the proposed nature walk he had planned at the Town Park for July 22. Glenn Sapir stated that it is evident that one of our main challenges is outreach to the public, and he believed that developing a plan for outreach should be a priority of the CCE. Aubrey via communication with Wendy has volunteered to represent the CCE at the next Board of Education meeting, to be held at the PVHS cafeteria on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m., in an effort to raise awareness of the CCE and its values and gain student cooperation.

Wendy handed out an old map from her files that depicted undeveloped land parcels of 30 acres or more in Putnam Valley. Christie volunteered to research these parcels to see which ones remain undeveloped.

It was decided to again participate in Town Day, which this year is on Saturday, Sept. 16. We must get commitments from CCE members to help staff our table. Eileen Reilly volunteered to contact Tom Carano to see if he would be making seedlings available again this year.

Glenn volunteered to represent the CCE at the next Town Board meeting, on Wed., Aug. 16, to briefly discuss the importance of identifying invasive vines and properly removing them and offer Aubrey's free consultation service.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the PV Library Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Sapir, Recording Secretary