



PUTNAM VALLEY COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF THE NOV. 9, 2023, MEETING OF THE PV CCE

In Attendance: Chair Wendy Whetsel, CCE members Aubry Carter, Julie Ruben (by phone), Glenn Sapir and Mike Usai. Guest: Christie Kroll
Absent: Members Mia Azcue and Eileen Reilly

The meeting was called to order at the Putnam Valley Library Community Room at 6:10 p.m.

Chair Person Wendy Whetsel clarified the expiration of the two-year terms of the members of the CCE. Members whose term expires on Dec. 31, 2023 are Wendy Whetsel, Mia Azcue and Glenn Sapir. Member whose two-year term expires on Dec. 31, 2024, are Mike Usai, Julie Ruben, Eileen Reilly and Aubrey Carter. Glenn repeated that he did not intend to serve another term, so Wendy asked that we all should solicit candidates for that opening and, also, for possible other openings that might develop. She stated that the manager of programs at the PV Library, Cole Caulfield, has expressed interest in serving and had been invited to this meeting. He, however, did not attend the meeting. Wendy asked if anyone would be interested in assuming the chairmanship of the commission in the new year, and Mike Usai said he would like the opportunity. Wendy was asked to invite Cole to our next meeting, on Dec. 14, so members can meet him before voting on his acceptance as a CCE member. Wendy was also asked to invite Town Councilman Christian Russo to the same meeting to learn of his interest in serving as the town board's liaison to the CCE. Aubrey said he would contact Jeremy Luff, PVCSD superintendent, to see if he would recommend any students to be considered as Student Members of the CCE.

Wendy reported that she had been approached to entertain a NYSEG proposal for the installation of a utility pole on wetlands. She appropriately instructed them to speak with Bruce Barber.

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

Wendy reported that there are no new developments on proposals from Camp Combe and from the organization proposing a cemetery on Barger Street. Neither project was on the agenda of the next Planning Board meeting, which Wendy showed to each of the members present.

Wendy restated that the Ridgeline map of PV is complete, as it is not allowed to depict ridgelines on state parkland.

The CEA, that has been developed by the CCE, continues to be on hold.

Regarding education and outreach, both Wendy and Aubrey strongly supported holding programs in the Community Room of the library. Glenn suggested that we request such programs be recorded for airing on the town's public access television station.

We repeated our wish to distribute seedlings at Town Day and perhaps at the Library next year. Eileen Reilly had volunteered at our last meeting to make that request to Tom Carrano, who

would provide the trees. Eileen was absent from the meeting, so we did not learn the status of that request.

Julie reported that she has been meeting with other PV residents toward creating a Community Composting program in PV, and she reported on a meeting with Town Board Member Ralph Smith.

The next CCE meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Dec.14, at 6 pm at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Sapir, Recording Secretary