

**Minutes to the Village of Ardsley Climate Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting, 12/01/2022, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

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**Attendees:** Trustee Liaison Asha Bencosme, Savannah Donahue, Luke Inoue (CAC), Eda Kapsis (CAC Chair & Facilitator), Lorraine Kuhn (CAC and Village Stormwater Coordinator), Dave Lew (CAC Steering Committee), Anthony Puliafico, Carol Sommerfield (CAC Steering Committee & minutes)

**1. Review Membership and Trustee Liaisons for Board Appointment in December, 2022.**

The following 2023 membership of the CAC was put forward:

CAC (CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE) 1 YEAR	
David Lew, Chairperson	2023
Eda Kapsis, Vice Chair	2023
Carol Sommerfield, Chair, Pollinator Pathway	2023
Lorraine Kuhn	2023
Glenn Weinberg	2023
Anthony Puliafico	2023
Luke Inoue	2023
Savannah Donahue .....	2023

Trustee liaisons for 2023:

CAC: Asha Bencosme  
Ardsley Pollinator Pathway: Steve Edelstein

The reorganization meeting will be held during the Village of Ardsley Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, December 5, 8 pm at Village Hall.

**Actions:**

- CAC members will need to sign the Village of Ardsley Oath Book after the Board approves the CAC membership.
- CAC members must take the Sexual Harassment Prevention and Workplace/Bullying Prevention virtual training once they are appointed. Check your email for a message from [system@gbriskcontrol.com](mailto:system@gbriskcontrol.com). The training site is <https://www.gbriskcontrol.com>.

## 2. Updates

### ***BoT on Municipal Participation in GridRewards***

Asha provided an update on GridRewards for the Village. The Village will participate. They are setting up a platform before the start of the next season. If the Village can reduce energy use during GridRewards peak events there is a possibility that the Village could save \$6K - \$7K next year.

### ***Invasive vine removal: December 17, VE Macy Park, 11am, led by Westchester Parks Foundation***

Registration can be found on <https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home>. Best for those 14 and older. Minors arriving without an adult will need to sign a waiver in advance.

#### ***Actions:***

- Dave to touch base with scouts to drum up volunteers.
- Luke to inform the Ardsley ETF of the opportunity.

### ***December meeting with ETF***

The scheduled meeting planned for a few CAC members to meet with some AHS ETF members on Dec. 6, 3:15 pm in Ms. Bandman's classroom fell through. Students are evidently consumed in December and unable to meet.

Asha listed three questions that would be insightful for the discussion:

1. What are your three biggest environmental concerns?
2. What top three actions would you like to see happen in the community?
3. What three things do you want to be involved in?

#### ***Actions:***

- Luke to poll students for interest in meeting and the most agreeable days and times in January and respond to Eda
- Eda to poll adults to find the best days and times to meet in January and then coordinate with Luke.

### ***Ardsley Pollinator Pathway Updates and Events***

The Mayors' Monarch Pledge reporting was completed on December 1 for the 2022 cycle. Fourteen actions were completed, and, if accepted, this will place Ardsley in the Mayors' Monarch Leadership Circle.

Upcoming events through March were announced and can be found, along with registration, at <https://www.ardsleypollinatorpathway.org/home>.

**Proposed film screening: ArdsleyCAN & Pollinator Pathway Earth Day event teaming with Ardsley Parks & Rec**

A wonderful film for all ages, Biggest Little Farm (<https://www.biggestlittlefarmmovie.com/synopsis/§licencing>), has potential for a film screening as an Earth Month event (<https://www.biggestlittlefarmmovie.com/host-a-screening/>). Suggested dates: May 6, rain date May 7 or April 29, rain date April 30.

Key points:

- Outreach within Ardsley / AUFSD and across CACs in Rivertowns
- Engage 2-3 zero waste food vendors
- DPW to support compost collection
- Event to be marketed as pack in & pack out for waste reduction

Much discussion ensued. Key challenges are CAC and Parks and Rec resources and limited capacity at that time of year. An outdoor screening is preferred. Some of the brainstorming ideas of note:

- Beging with a late afternoon event to draw people in and, hopefully, they stay for the screening. Pre-events can include arts and crafts for kids (and look into hiring a professional for this role), information tables (e.g. pollinator pathway – perhaps even some seedlings or plugs made available)
- Venue was discussed at length. Indoors removes the weather challenge and means the movie can start earlier, however outdoors provides a nicer ambiance.
- Scope changes were also discussed. Perhaps the movie could be primarily for high school students with a Q&A/Discussion afterwards.
- Lorraine advised to book the date with Trish ASAP since it is a busy time of year and best to lock it in.
- In addition to resource constraints, the concern was getting people to show up. If held outdoors the movie could not start until later in the evening and we may lose people with younger children. A communication plan and outreach will be critical.
- Best not to use food trucks but to cater through a local vendor.

**Actions:**

- Eda to organize offline.

## **8. Discussion and Closing**

The next CAC meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2023, 7-8 pm via Zoom.

Happy holidays and best wishes for 2023!