



thought is leaving the Shade Tree Committee as is because their mission is all the trees within the right of town and any trees that the town plants. Maybe starting a Tree Preservation Committee under the Environmental Commission who would be the enforcing agent for any tree removal permits.

- Discussion was held regarding the Green Team. Thought is to disband since the mission is no longer a necessity. Maybe the Green Team members can be moved to the Tree Preservation committee. This decision will be made at the next Environmental Commission meeting.

### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Meeting was opened to the public. Public in attendance was Cherie Fonorow, Angeline Sheridan, Patches Magarro, James John.

Cherie Fonorow voiced her concerns on a project on Old Tappan that is a new application in front of the Planning Board. The property in question has wetlands and wildlife on it and she would like to see that land stay undisturbed and preserved. People need to attend the Planning Board meeting to voice their concerns.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Community Garden:** Larry gave a quick update on the community garden. Same end of the season problems of clean-up. The garden doesn't look too bad at the moment and there is a dumpster there for people to use. He is concerned about the effort being put into the new community garden because it seems we might be running out of time to get it done before next year. The budgeted funds are good for two years. Larry would like to see this get done sooner than later since there is a waiting list.

Bill Howe said that he has obtained and is working on the permit application for a new Suez service line connection to the water main.

Councilman Boyce will set up a meeting on-site with DPW and the Borough Engineer regarding the curb cut and/or parking area. There was a discussion regarding water supply.

Boy Scout John James was present and talked about his Eagle Scout project which is to build the community garden fence. Due to the size of the garden, he should be approved for this project if they find that it is not large enough, he can add some other parts to beef the project up.

**Community Choice Aggregation:** The County is looking into a program that would allow residents to take control of the electricity purchased by local utilities, while leaving ownership of the grid in the hands of the utility company. CCA would act on behalf of one or more municipalities to purchase electricity from a Renewable Energy provider, but the utility such as PSEG or Rockland Electric would continue to bill and to provide services. The County is working on gauging the interest of municipalities.

**Paper Shredding:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm at the DPW parking lot.

**National Walk to School:** October 6<sup>th</sup> National Walk to School Day Melanie will get a flyer out to the schools.

**BCUA Hazardous Waste Disposal:** Bill mentioned that on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, there is a hazardous waste disposal at BCC and would like that posted on the town sign. Anna mentioned that this has already been included on the website and the town calendar

**New Business:** Bill brought up that he continues to find blue plastic bags with dog poop in the stream behind his property. It would be nice to let people know how bad this is for the environment. Anna mentioned that this was an article in the last newsletter, but it seems some people do not care.

Setting up an Old Tappan clean-up day was brought up. Melanie brought up an Adopt-A-Road program. She will bring up more information next meeting.

**Photo Contest:** Wendy King share the photos of the winners with the schools and Anna has posted the photos on the website. All gift cards have been distributed to the winners. It was good to see that there were more contestants this year's than last year.

**NexTrex Recycling Challenge:** Wendy mentioned that Charles DeWolf school will be participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge again this year -- October 1, 2021, through April 15, 2022. This program was a great success last year and CDW collected the most recyclables in their school-size category, allowing them to win a bench for their outdoor area.

**Old Business:** Tabled for future discussions Deer Management, Stormwater Management at the Golf Course.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded the motion, everyone was in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES 2021:**

October 19<sup>th</sup> (meeting will be held in-person)

November 16<sup>th</sup>

December- No meeting

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Anna Haverilla