

CCAC MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 21st, 2026 7:45PM

In attendance

- Eva Thaddeus (Garden Club), Chair
- John Ealer (CLEAN)
- Halle Clarke
- Sherry Horowitz
- Madalyn Bozinski
- Shiloh Shea

Not present:

- David Daly
- Jason Mencher
- Rachel Bernstein

Liaisons

- Mayor Brian Pugh
- Planning Board Member Steven Krisky
- Board of Trustees Member Nora Nicholson

Recording Secretary

- Shiloh Shea

Public Attendance

- None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45 pm ET in the Recreation Room. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00PM

MARCH MINUTES

The March minutes were approved unanimously.

QUIET, CLEAN, CROTON

- David Lowell of Quiet Clean Croton gave an introduction to his group and its mission to ban gasoline powered leaf blowers and expressed his hopes for cooperation in the future.

NRI UPDATE

- Madalyn reported that the consultants were still working on a final project, and that there were no major updates since the last meeting.

At this time we were joined by Steve Krisky and Nora Nicholson

TRAILS

- David reported on two cleanups that occurred since the last meeting, and the next one is planned for the 15th of April in conjunction with the boy scouts along Spencers Trail.
- Further cleanups are planned for the 30th of May & the 14th of June, with locations TBD.
- A Trails meeting is planned for May to plan further cleanups.

DARK SKIES

Jason is going to draft a memo based upon CCAC discussion to be circulated to the CCAC for discussion and a final goal of a letter of recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of the growing season was on the 19th, where it was discovered that there is a community/student garden effort at the Carrie R Tompkins Elementary school through attendees of the showing of "The Extraordinary Caterpillar". This showing was also on the 19th, and was attended by around 25 people.

CLEAN

- CLEAN engaged in a Clean up spanning 2 miles along Nine A, a stretch on Batten road & the area behind Sav-More drugstore. During this they collected 750 Pounds of trash. The next clean up is on the 25th at the train station
- Discussion was had about what could be done to prevent run off from Croton train station parking lot being caught on the reeds or running into the water, since this is a difficult area to clean properly.

MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE

Shiloh had little to report due to the plot he intended to use being over-run with sewage and runoff

EARTH DAY 2026

Vendors and Logistics

- The CCAC was not on a list of vendors, and so added themselves to the list.

- The vendor list had some unexpected attendees. The Mayor will discuss the list of vendors with the Village Manager.
- Popcorn and water cups will be provided by the village's Department of Recreation. The Mayor is to let the village manager know about this plan and the request for compostable material. Eva will confirm with Amy that the Village is creating a map of vendors and communicating to vendors what is being provided for them at their booths/tables.
- John will bring in the Committee signs for the CCAC committee booths.
- Halle is to make pamphlets to recruit for ongoing volunteer efforts.
- The CCAC has signs in village storage and so has requested that they be found and brought out to the event by the village.
- Eva will ask Amy to schedule the CCAC for 3 tables and 6 chairs.
- Shiloh will send PDFs of the National Parks guide and their own guide on planting native pollinators to Eva Thaddeus to be forwarded and printed by the town for distribution during Earth Day celebrations.
- The CCAC will set up an additional table for colouring and direct the teenager volunteers to sit and watch the younger kids who attend.
- Sherry will send colouring book prints for printing and use as a kids activity.
- Amy will purchase Markers using CCAC funding for the table and print Sherry's colouring prints. Shiloh and Mark will also bring a supplemental supply of markers.
- David has a map of town trails to show at the event.

Music & Announcement

- The presentation of the Mayors Manis footbridge announcement time is TBD.
- The Hudson River Music festival is donating a pair of tickets to the upcoming music festival to be raffled out.
- Raffle tickets & a large bowl will be donated by Steve Krisky of the planning board.
- Tickets will be handed out at the CCAC booth, and the winners will be announced near the end of the event, and must be present to win.
- Music performers will begin with Rose Coehn, followed by School of Rock Briarcliff, and finally Mario Giacalone who will play until the end of the event at four.
- The School of Rock is providing Soundsystems and setup for the soundsystem themselves, for use by all performers

Tree Giveaway

- Nora Nicholson will donate her water and spigot to be a source of water for the Garden Clubs tree giveaway
- John will create a signup via google forms and other software so people may reserve their trees, but needs information about the trees first, likely provided by Eva, Sherry, or Halle.
- Trees will not be given to the general public until later in the day, or when all reserved trees are distributed.
- Eva will print guides for the planting of the trees to be handed out alongside them.

Publicity

- Nora and Shiloh will take the last two lawn signs to put up as they see fit.
- Flyers were distributed amongst businesses, Those undistributed flyers remaining were to be distributed as follows
 - Shoprite Plaza & Circle School - Sherry
 - 129 area, Gas Station, Croton Diner, little star, applefarm, matters coffee - David
 - Save-mor, Cleaners, A&S, Enterprise car rental, the tavern, and the stretch of South Riverside avenue from approximately Grand Street to High Street - John
 - Upper Village - Madalyn and Shiloh
- The smaller banner advertising the event will be hung at the entrance to the train station, and the larger one on the fence at the municipal building.
- Shiloh will ask around for some events for kids that can be set up in time for the event.

RAIN DATE

- Rain date necessity will be decided by the village. The rain date is the 9th of May

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned following completion of agenda items at approximately 9:00pm ET.