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2026 Livable Tarrytown Questionnaire

1. What are the top five places in Sleepy Hollow that you would like to improve for pedestrians and bicyclists? What specific changes do you think would improve each of the sites?

My top five areas of concern would be:

1. The crossing at the bottom of Pocantico Street and Route 9.
2. The intersection of Beekman Avenue and Lawrence Avenue.
3. Both crosswalks at the intersection of Beekman Avenue and Pocantico Street.
4. The turn at the top of Cortlandt Street and Beekman Avenue.
5. The crosswalk connecting Mickey's Auto Body to Webber Park.

I believe the first step toward improving safety at these locations is consistent enforcement of our existing traffic laws, particularly speed limits and requiring drivers to come to complete stops at posted stop signs.

Beyond enforcement, I would support additional traffic studies and recommendations from qualified professionals to determine which improvements would be most effective at each location. Whether that means enhanced crosswalk visibility, improved signage, or additional traffic-calming measures, I believe we should take a thoughtful, practical approach that prioritizes safety while considering the needs of everyone who uses our roads.

2. From your perspective, please explain why making our streets safe for all neighbors is a matter of equity.

The ability to safely walk, bike, and navigate our streets is a fundamental part of what makes Sleepy Hollow such a vibrant and connected community. We are fortunate to live in a village where neighbors genuinely care about one another, and where walking through our neighborhoods is an important part of everyday life.

I believe ensuring that all residents can move safely and comfortably throughout Sleepy Hollow is essential to preserving the welcoming character of our village.

3. For candidates who have previously served on the Board of Trustees: Over the past term, what initiatives have you voted for that helped make our streets safer for everyone in Sleepy Hollow, no matter their age or physical ability?

Throughout my time on the Board of Trustees, I've always valued feedback from residents who bring pedestrian and traffic safety concerns to our attention. I've appreciated seeing

how quickly the Mayor and Board can work together to address these concerns through practical solutions, including speed bumps and other traffic-calming measures. I believe improving street safety is an ongoing responsibility. It requires listening to residents, being responsive when concerns arise, and continuing to make thoughtful improvements wherever necessary.

4. Are there ways that you think Sleepy Hollow could or should collaborate with the government of Tarrytown to enhance work on “Safe Streets for All” across the two villages? How?

I would absolutely welcome opportunities to collaborate with Tarrytown on initiatives that improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety in both communities. Whether through coordinated traffic studies, improved pedestrian connections, consistent signage, or shared traffic-calming initiatives, I would support any practical collaboration that benefits residents of both villages.

5. Will you commit to walking or biking to and from at least ten Board of Trustees meetings during the upcoming year?

Absolutely. I haven’t driven to more than five Board meetings since I was elected. I’m fortunate enough to both live and work in Sleepy Hollow, and walking throughout the village is already a regular part of my daily life. I enjoy walking with my children and our dogs almost every day, and I appreciate the convenience and sense of community that comes with living in a walkable village.

Experiencing our streets firsthand as a pedestrian gives me a valuable perspective on both the strengths of our community and the areas where improvements can be made.

6. If you believe the current cost of housing in the village is excessive, what specific actions should Village government take to address the situation?

I do believe the current cost of housing is excessive, but I also recognize that this challenge is not unique to Sleepy Hollow. Housing affordability has become a regional and national issue, and there is no single solution that will resolve it overnight.

I would like to see our village continue exploring opportunities for workforce housing and housing options that serve what is often referred to as the “missing middle” — working individuals and families who earn too much to qualify for traditional affordable housing programs but are increasingly priced out of communities like ours.

I believe we should thoughtfully evaluate opportunities for housing development, including potential public-private partnerships, while remaining mindful of infrastructure, neighborhood character, and the long-term needs of our residents.

Sleepy Hollow should remain a community where the people who work here, raise families here, and contribute to village life have a realistic opportunity to live here as well.

7. Can you briefly share your vision for ensuring Sleepy Hollow is an inclusive, thriving, and livable community in the years and decades ahead? What policies would you prioritize to achieve this vision?

My vision for Sleepy Hollow is a village that continues to grow and evolve while preserving the strong sense of community and small-town character that make it such a special place to live.

As someone who opened a business in our downtown without a dedicated parking lot, I've experienced firsthand the challenges that limited and sometimes frustrating street parking can create for residents, business owners, employees, and visitors alike. I believe exploring creative parking solutions, including potential public-private partnerships, should be part of our long-term planning.

I also believe we should continue supporting initiatives such as our Project MOVER bike program and exploring practical ways to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility throughout the village. A thriving downtown should be accessible to everyone, whether they arrive by car, bicycle, or on foot.

Equally important is continuing to support our existing small businesses while encouraging long-term private investment in our commercial districts. I believe a healthy downtown is built around businesses that are invested in the community year-round, creating jobs, contributing to our local economy, and becoming part of the fabric of village life.

Finally, I want Sleepy Hollow to remain a place where young families, longtime residents, seniors, and working-class households all feel they belong. That means being thoughtful about housing affordability, maintaining our infrastructure, supporting public safety, and ensuring that growth benefits the whole community.