

January 14th, 2021 CSC Meeting  
Minutes

*Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Claudia Keel, Adriana, Rose Wax, Jan Borchert, Julia Shanbrom, Norman Mintz, Tracy Martin, Laura Sink, Garrett Montgomery*  
*Observing: Kaare Christian,*

New Business

Christina opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She detailed the roles for Matthew as Chair of the CSC committee, who we'll be dealing primarily with the town, and herself as Task Force Coordinator.

We congratulated Christina on being accepted into the pilot program. We should have a path to bronze by the end of summer.

Christina introduced the task ahead of us and emphasized that data gathering will be key.

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Open Discussion on people's interest in various actions.**

Rose showed interest in making parking lots a permeable space. Kaare mentioned that Lasher park might be a good candidate for a permeable surface as it floods a lot.

Christina talked about installing LED lights in the pavilion and elsewhere, stuff people can see. She emphasized that a lot of the tasks will require the gathering of data sets first, as we need to document our usage in government buildings etc, and then if we make a change to reduce usage we will get points for that.

Adriana mentioned she'd be able to help write land use policy to submit.

Garrett is on the Planning Board, intends to investigate what might be possible.

Christina suggested everyone read through the town's comprehensive plan and the waterfront plan so we're all on the same page, in regards to the local government. The pilot program would like us to file for Bronze. We need 120 points for this, and right now we are at 47, maybe 53 if our old solar panels count. Not sure they will.

Kaare mentioned that a unified Solar permit might be something to pursue. A local committee is being formed. We already have a Solar permit, but it's not the state standard form. Julia had a question about funding and how to apply for grants during this period.

Christina said we'll need to fundraise for any grants right now. She used the example of the Waterfront Committee working on sustainable shorelines. The town and state are being purse tight since COVID. Reaching the Bronze level will unlock funding and certain action items have a place for funding.

Christina mentioned the Energy Audit and Unified Solar permit as actions we can take right away with not a lot of effort. Audit might be free but the town would have to fill out these