

April 15th, 2021 CSC Meeting
Minutes

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

Members of the public: Lincoln Duffy

Observing: Kaare Christian

OLD BUSINESS:

March Minutes were approved.

Matthew and Christina have finished the CSC assessment process with Cornell. Matthew will be attending Columbia County Task Force meetings starting on April 29th.

Subcommittee reports

Green House Gas Data Collection: Germantown's Fleet has now been inventoried, as well as building data. Our contact at SunDog gave us the lifetime total collection of the Solar Panels. Matthew will collect remaining data from Wastewater Plant, with the help of Joe Myers.

Part of our team toured the Wastewater Plant, Joe Myers had recommendations to save energy. Matthew will record these as well.

The Town Board passed the benchmarking resolution on April 13th. Future data will be now be reported by the town via Portfolio Manager. We'll be delaying our membership with ICLEI, another service that will consult with us, until October.

Energy Audit/Unified Solar Committee: Unified Solar Permit was passed by the Town Board April 13th. Thank you to Jen Crawford and Laura for their work.

We are talking to Flex Tech consultants. The process will be to walk through all buildings to be audited. Next step will be to get approval from NYSERDA. Christiana empathized the importance of getting quotes since we need Board approval. Twenty cents per square foot is the likely cost, but quotes to follow. We'd need to get at least two or three.

Waste management: We went on tour of Greenport Transfer Station and we'll be touring Ulster County Recovery Center in Kingston. Main takeaway is to educate people on how to recycle.

We're working with the library on doing compost workshop with Michael Cotrone of Bonhomie Farm. Matthew agreed to table during the Yard Sale in order to promote discounted Rain Barrell program.

2nd EV station

Town Board scouted 2nd potential site in the southeast corner of Activity Building parking lot Board approved the installation at the April 13th meeting. Paperwork will be filed so this will move forward.

Estuary Grant

Christina and WAC are looking to write a planning grant for Lasher Park and how to do a sustainable shoreline in area with no rip-rap. Also looking into installing permeable pavement in the parking lot. Karee and Christina met with Kelsey West who pointed to a website that will help with estimating cost.

New Business

Natural Resources Inventory. Barbara Hughey, our local rep to local Environmental Management Council, will attending a workshop on how to use the CC NRI to improve our local one. We hope to do our own. Matthew hopes to attend this workshop, too.

CSC Website

Julia, Tracy and Christina are working on the website and doing great work. It looks beautiful. Will be a good resource. We're looking at other websites to get ideas.

Lifeboats would like us to do a newsletter, but we might prefer to do a mailing list.

Recycling for Government Buildings

We hope to have the town board pass a resolution to recycle in government buildings and in public spaces and events. We hope to have recycling bins for the 4th of July events.

Might be a good idea to have educational signs or infographics on the bins and in the park so folks will know what to recycle.

We'll also need a sign at the pavilion to educate folks about the solar panels. This way they will count for CSC points.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00.

