

June 17th, 2021 CSC Meeting
Minutes

Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Jan Borchert, Julia Shanbrom, Norman Mintz,

Old Business: Subcommittee reports

Green House Gas Data Collection: The report is ready. The rough draft is on the drive. Jan will be giving a workshop on the findings to the town board in either July or August. Jan will need to set up another meeting with Rob and Janet to train them on Portfolio Manager.

Energy Audit: Laura Sink has submitted our information to Flex Tech and other contractors.

Waste management: We had a compost workshop with Mike Cotrone at the library. We have 72 responses to the Waster Survey. The survey has also been sent to the Sara & the town board. We have about 30 more days until we need to pay to see the data.

Tracy sent out rain barrel information. Last day to order is June 30th. On September 8th we have a tour of the Syracuse landfill.

EV Station:

We're still going to with Charge Point. Waiting on NG to do a site visit. Electrical service will go on the building.

CEC

Matt is uploading data to the NYSERDA site. He's done GHG, Streetlights, and Solar Permit.

Stretch Code

Christina spoke to Sam Harkin, went over the comparison document, and he has some questions. We want his buy in before we take it to the board. Matt will do a bit more research on Sam's questions.

New Business

New HVAC is being installed in Activity Building. The mysterious ASHRAE standard is still a mystery. Either the manufacturer should know or perhaps Jen Crawford.

Cornell Assessment

Due to no fault of our own, Cornell just now sent the completed Assessment, even though we finished April 6th. The deadline for grants is July 29th, so we can't apply for grants this round. ☹️

Jan attended a webinar on Electric School buses. It's unrelated to any CSC actions, but might be great project to work on.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

New Business

Christina gave an update on Local Champions

Unlikely we will apply for Bronze this summer. We can only apply three times a year, so we will apply in January 2022. The next round of CSC funding is in July so we can use June as a grant application month.

Christina, Matthew, Kaare, possibly Rob, Janet, Joyce will start work in early March on a certification assessment where a Cornell Cooperative Extension representative brings us through each of the over 100 possible actions and we discuss feasibility. We can likely finish this in 2 months.

Christina created a new Seminars folder in our shared drive with a number of Seminars on Climate Work, trainings, workshops, talks etc. Folks are encouraged to add to this folder.

Clean Energy Communities is back. A 5K nonmatching grant is available to communities who complete four high impact action items, then communities can work to earn points to unlock further funding opportunities of up to 30K. Our EV station will no longer count, but benchmarking with GHG counts. There is a folder in the drive with more information.

In June, there will be a workshop with the [Regenesis Group](#) where we can bring 2-3 stakeholders from town. They are a group that works on composing a “story of place.” An approach that involves talking to the community to see what they care about and integrating our plans around those talks. More in the Seminar folder.

Christina, Kaare, Julia, and Tracy will work on our Website. The town will pass resolution to make it official and we'll get points for this.

Christina asked everyone to keep track of their hours they're working on this. It may count retroactively. Also encouraged everyone to investigate what other towns are doing in CSC, and that Columbia County has also taken the CSC pledge.

We agreed to meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Next meeting is March 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.