

July 15th, 2021 CSC Meeting
Minutes

Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Julia Shanbrom, Norman Mintz, Laura Sink,

Old Business: Subcommittee reports

Green House Gas Data Collection: Jan will be giving a workshop on the findings of the report on August 10th before the board meeting. Separately, he and Matt will create a Power Point presentation for Janet and Rob on how to enter the data into Portfolio Manager.

Energy Audit: The estimates we've received thus far are too expensive to consider. Laura sink will research other town examples to see if it's been done for less.

Waste management: We handed out 21 rain barrels. Recycling camp is next Wednesday the 21st. Would be a good idea to make recycling guides for the camp kids and signage, as part of large recycling campaign. The Waste survey has 95 responses. We're still aiming for 200 responses. We need to put it in more newsletters and perhaps make tiny one to hand out at Ottos. The survey will end August 1st.

EV Station:

Still waiting on NG to do a site visit. There is a request for a new pole.

CEC

Matt is uploading data to the NYSERDA site. USP, Cobra Streetlights, GHG inventory are completed. Stretch Code is hopefully next.

Stretch Code

Christina and Matt spoke to Sam Harkins, after doing a bit of research on questions he had. He thinks it's a good idea, and Matt will do a bit more research on two points—additions and Level 3 renovations. Christina will take it before the board for their approval.

Solar Array info is still needed. Matt is going to collect it this week and pass it to Norman who will make signage.

He'll also keep an eye on the new HVAC at the activity building, re energy savings.

Julia is now in charge of the Blog. Please send all posts to her.

New Business

Next major action item for the fall: Shade Structures, which will require a resolution from the board, and the Fleet Inventory, which does not, but will require Matt and Jan to build on research already started.

The Waste Committee will reconfigure this fall to focus on Education. Going forward, if any CSC Actions have the potential for an education component, we need to document it, as this count for more points.

Cornell Assessment.

We've been officially certified. Matt and Christina will start meeting with the Cornell engineer to complete the process, so that next year we can apply for CSC grants.

Kelsey will get us hooked up with two other programs, regarding Climate Action Plans and Culvert and Dams.

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.