

September 20th, 2021 CSC Meeting
Minutes

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

Old Business: Subcommittee reports

Green House Gas Data Collection: Jan gave his workshop on the findings of the GHG report August 10th to the town board. It was received well, the board asked good questions, and Jan will follow up with more data based on these questions. It will be public soon. Next up will be to train someone in Portfolio Manager and keep recording this data.

Energy Audit: Current bids are too expensive. Tracy has a friend who did one fairly cheaply for Ottos, so she will look into this and Laura Sink will keep investigating what other towns have done.

Waste Management: Results for the waste survey are in.

Responses: 111

Q1: How do you currently dispose of your waste: 65% use transfer station, 17% country waste, 9% Welsh

Q2: Would you be interested in participating in a program that recycles food scraps: 50% already compost, 27% would be interested in a drop-off-service, 9% interested in curbside pickup.

Q3: Major issues influencing your decision to join a town program: Convivence and Cost

We should be in touch with Jolene Race about pilot composting program.

New Business

The Columbia County CSC Task Force meeting will be on September 30th. Matthew will be attending. The public will have access via YouTube.

We are in very good shape to reach our goal of applying for CSC Bronze in January. Christina will be working on documentation for the certification. Help is welcome with this task. Please see the Action website for details on what is needed for documentation.

Sam Harkins will be signing up for Code Enforcement Training, which will be points for CEC.

The Waste Management team will split into two committees. Organics Management Plan and Education & Community Outreach. Rose will lead the Education component and Julia the Organics. Any Education event should be documented to make sure it counts towards points. The Waste Report must be completed by January for certification.

Recycling barrels will be painted and rolled out in the Spring, hopefully at an event.

EV Station:

NG has visited the site and hopefully we'll be on our way towards installation in October.

Solar Array

Matt will contact his SunDog to ensure our array is producing the correct amount of kWh. The solar info sign will be a metal one the town can get for free.

Environmental Preferable Purchasing Plan

If the town agrees to purchase Energy Star appliances, we'd get ONE point.

The **Climate Action Plan** will also be tackled in the spring.

CEC

Once we get 2nd EV station, we'll have four priority actions and a \$5000 grant. If we get Sam signed up for Code Enforcement Training AND the town adopts Stretch Code early, we'll get \$20,000 by the end of the year. We should decide what to spend the money on before we get it since we only have 3 months to spend it.

Meeting format will be going back to Zoom, and we'll change our meeting time. Please fill out the Doodle that Christina sends out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM