

November 18, 2021 CSC Meeting  
Minutes

*Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Jan Borchert, Claudia Keel, Rose Wax, Tracy Martin, Laura Sink*

*Observing: Kaare Christian*

### **Old Business:**

October Minutes approved.

### **Subcommittee reports**

**GHG:** Energy Data for 2021 has been entered into Portfolio Manager. We'll continue to work with somebody in town hall to continue data entry work for 2022.

**Energy Audit:** Joyce is still hunting for the audit performed in 2008-2010. We've received a new proposal from C&S companies. A Level +1 Energy Audit would be \$16, 218, with NYSERDA matching the town half, ~~of~~ \$8,109. We may use the \$5K CEC grant for this, but hopefully the past audit will offset costs.

### **Waste Management:**

- A) Organic Management Plan—~~to~~ hoping to publish a management plan by the end of the year. Julia has made a rough outline. They spoke to two farmers at the market who'd be interested in the program. Zoning issues might come up since some of the farms are in Livingston. This plan will not implement anything—it's just a plan, but we can use it for future grants.

For the future, woodchips and tree waste may be something we look into, not how is the Town handling this.

- B) Education—Rose and Tracy are working on the writing competition. Tracy met with the school. They don't teach anything about the climate crisis, but they're open to us teaching classes. Pippa sent out the writing prompt to GDAC. It's been approved by the committee.

Stretch Code did not pass at the last Town Board meeting, which means we will not be able to implement this action before the end of the year. The presentation given by a CEC rep did not go well. Facts were confused. We need to give *less than delicate* feedback about this to Tara Donadio, our CEC contact with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission ~~about this.~~ A public hearing about Stretch Code has been set for January.

## New Business

The town board passed both the Solar Law and a formal resolution to oppose the barge mooring.

Culverts and Dams: Town Board approved and drafted a letter to Cornel Corporation Extension who will do a NEW survey of our dams and culverts in 2022.

Jan presented brief findings on fridges. Christina measured the power usage of 7 fridges. We need to ask Anthony ~~of~~ how old these fridges are and consider replacing them. We may not save a lot, but it's still worth looking into.

Anyone interested in doing luminaries should contact Tracy. If we do anything for holiday glow, it will just be a flyer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.