

December 15, 2021 CSC Meeting
Minutes

Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Jan Borchert, Juila Shanbrom, Claudia Keel, Rose Wax, Tracy Martin,

Observing: Kaare Christian, Mike Brown

Old Business:

November Minutes approved.

Subcommittee reports

GHG: Community GHG and Fleet Inventory were presented to the board last night. Both will be published on the town website. The Fleet Inventory will be updated at least twice a year. Software should

We'll continue to work with somebody in town hall to continue data entry into Portfolio Manager for 2022.

Waste Management:

- A) Organic Management Plan will not be done by the end of the year. Julia will speak to Jolene Race and the three farmers about doing community compost with.

Rhinebeck just approved compost pilot. They did not do an organic management plan. They also voted to divert their wastewater from the landfill into compost. A company called Denali out of Rockland county provides this service.

- B) Education—Pippa sent out the writing prompt to GDAC. It's been approved by the committee. They are meeting with high school guidance counselor.

Energy Audit: Sarah is now hunting for the audit performed in 2008-2010. Even if we find it, it will not count for CSC, but we don't need it right now. The Town of Hurley found a company called Daily light Savings that might do it for free. Details to be follow.

Columbia County CSC Task Force—The committee now has a Task Force Coordinator. Her name is Wendy Madsen. She's an internal hire from the Solid Waste department.

New Business

The town fund agreed to set up the Green Fund for our NYSERDA grant money. This seed fund will be replenished with energy savings we get from, say, a fridge that we might replace. Mike Brown will be helping us with the structure and set up for this. The town attorney and account will also be consulted.

Community Solar Campaign

The County will be conducting a Solar Campaign, hopefully starting in February. Germantown will be able to piggyback on this. We need to only sign up 10 households. ***We will likely form a new subcommittee for this.***

Kaare mentioned time of use building for electric cars,

Clean Heating and Cooling demo—CEC has changed the action so we do not to include the hot water on the mini-split system. We made signage to let people know how to use it. This will garner us 700 points once it's documented.

CSC documentation—We still need EV station contracts, heat pump contracts, and press release for solar panels and heat pumps.

Christina has documented 115 points of the required 120. We will be applying with 160 points. We might lose a few here and there, but we will likely be certified for Bronze.

ICLE Membership in 2022—Kale Roberts will be our contact for the Hudson Valley. We would like to work on a Climate Action Plan, using all our data collection. We also want to do a vulnerability assessment and Green Revolving funds. ***We'll need committees for all these.***

We'll be doing the Culvert and Dams assessment and management plan with Cornel Corporation Extension who will do a NEW survey of our dams and culvert. They will solicit the grant for us.

Jan wants to work on a bike infrastructure plan. This might be folded into the Greenway Grant we received for the Roe Jan Park. Jan clarified that it's not just about bikes, but also walking trails, sidewalk, paths for strollers. A group called 511 rideshare has worked with Rhinebeck to improve their connectivity.

Dutchess County is working a GIS bike map. Might be good for Columbia County.

Didi Barret is introducing legislation that will allow public access through private lands without the landowner having to worry about being sued.

The Stretch Code Public Hearing will be on January 11th. The TB will likely not vote on Stretch this meeting, but CEC has extended the deadline for implementation, so it still has a chance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

