

January 20, 2022 CSC Meeting
Minutes

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

Members of the Public: Mike Brown

Old Business:

December Minutes approved.

County Report

The county government approved the Solar Community plan, now it goes before the Board of Supervisors in early February. Once they approve the County can proceed. We have templates for scoping documents and a town resolution, so Germantown can piggyback on the County plan. We'll speak to our town board prior to the March meeting so they can consider a resolution.

Mark your calendars for July 16th, the Climate Carnival at the county fairgrounds.

Education Subcommittee

We are talking with the teachers and finalizing both the prompts and instructions for the teachers. GEDAC just launched an internship program. We'll work with the school to make that happen.

Waste Subcommittee

Still hope to finish the organics management plan soon. Tracy will email famers to what their feed needs are for the livestock, connecting food waste with the farms. Rhinebeck is now working with Ozone on compost pick-up program, so we hope to learn from them.

Clean Energy Communities

The next stage in CEC is to get to 3000 points. We're currently at 1600 points.

Green Fund

We've received a \$5000 grant from NYSERDA for the Clean Energies Communities program. (Hereafter CEC) We've got permission from the town board to create a Green Fund.

Stretch Code

We're still working Stretch Code, which could give us 1200 points. We had a public hearing on this in the January meeting. Public comments will be open until February. We still need input from builders.

Benchmarking for Portfolio Manager

The electric bills for 2021 are complete, but the propane bills still need to be entered. This will be another 100 points.

Clean heating and cooling demo:

We have heat pumps in the activity building, so this presents another opportunity for CEC points. NYSERDA changed law so it doesn't include the hot water heater. We need to make signage. That signage needs to show our town energy savings, so we'll need to pull from GreenHouse Gas report to do this.

EV charging station.

The charge grants are not coming back. ZEV (Zero-emission Vehicle) grants will be available however they are an 80/20 match, and the application process is more complicated. We may consider it.

Culverts and Dams

Assessment with Cornell Cooperative Extension should kick off this quarter and be completed in early 2023

New Business

ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives)

Matthew and Christina had a preliminary meeting with Kale, and talked about the Climate Action Plan, but we are still unsure if we're ready to use their services, since we need a lot of public input and we're already doing so much. ICLEI has great modeling software that we hope to use.

We'll need subcommittees for the Community Solar and Green Fund. Both will require a lot of pre-planning. Matthew is going to put scoping documents and a model resolution in the Google drive.

Christina reminded everyone to upload important information to the drive.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45