

February 17, 2022 CSC Meeting  
Minutes

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

*Observing: Kaare Christian.*

*Members of the Public: Mike Brown, Wendy Fieser*

### **Old Business:**

January Minutes could not be approved since we couldn't properly review the changes. They will be approved at the March meeting.

### **Subcommittee reports**

#### **Waste**

The County and Jolene Race are running a food scarp program. They have expanded it and have chosen to work with us. Either next month or in April they will provide 55 gallons receptacles to collect food scraps (just fruits and vegetables) at our transfer station. County trucks will pick up scraps and bring them to their processing site. We're trying to identify a local farmer to do the processing. We've drafted an application for this job. Once it's finalized internally and we get Jolene Race's approval, we'll show it to the town board.

#### **Education**

Rose said they've closed off sponsorship applications. They have \$1800 pledged. We set a date for the winners on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and are ironing out the poster. We need to select judges. Tracy sent the rubric and the prompt to the teachers.

#### **Green Fund**

Mike Brown spoke with Peter Brandom, the Sustainability Coordinator of Hillsboro, Oregon. They too started with a \$5000 green fund and now have six figures, over a period of just 7 years. It's an internal fund, so only city employees can apply. They have a small committee and make decisions two or three times a year. They fund 2-5 projects a year. It's larger than Germantown but will be a good model.

## **County Report**

The county government approved the Solar Community plan, now it goes before the Board of Supervisors in early February. Matt, Christina and Kaare went over the NYSERDA scoping documents and will submit them. We hope to pass a town resolution next month and launch the campaign. We need to sign up 10 people to get points for Clean Energy Communities.

Mark your calendars for July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Climate Carnival at the county fairgrounds. There will be a bike repair shop, free store, and repair café. They are also looking for musicians.

## **New Business**

We should consider an Earth Day Event on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We might do it at Palatine Manor or have multiple events around town. The library is interested. The Parsonage wants to do a program on invasive species. We should be at the dump to inform people about the food scrap program. We'll need to form a committee to help with this.

It seems like we have reached 120 points and will likely be approved for Bronze.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM