

April 21, 2022 CSC Meeting
Minutes

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

Observing: Kaare Christian.

Members of the Public: Mike Brown

March Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Waste

We have a waste guide now and it will be on our website. We'll also be handing it out on Earth Day, with the help of the Lion's Club. We'll also be handing out our compost guide. The pilot compost program will be kicking off April 9th. Tracy will be putting a display in Ottos about the program. We got one application for a partner. Stone House Grain in Hudson. They have a lot of experience with composting.

The county is spread thin so they won't be promoting it widely just yet, so we will promote the town program until the county works out the kinks of the larger program. Christina was going to approach the town about doing a mass email with the waste guide.

Education

We got all the entries for the contest. The art and writing winners will be display at the library on Earth Day.

Energy Audits

There was indeed an audit back in 2009 on the town buildings. Matthew filed a FOIL request on April 1st. We're not sure how long it will take to get the report.

Data Report

We need to finalize benchmarking data for 2021. We'll need to make signage for Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

COUNTY UPDATE

The county had a record number of vendors respond to Climate Carnival. We're unsure if everyone will be accepted.

County Solarize Campaign

Germantown has signed up 10 customers, so we've filed the paperwork for our NYSEDA grant. The town is switching over all 12 National Grid accounts, which won't count for the campaign, but it counts towards Clean Energy Upgrades, which equals more points in the CEC program.

Complete streets

The Board approved our participation. We're going to invite members of the Planning Board, ZBA, LWRP, CSC, Highway and Fire Department, and Town Board. It's a webinar being offered through the Department of Health and will help us plan better for pedestrian and bike traffic.

Culverts and Dams

We'll be meeting on May3rd with Anthony & Highway Department to look at all the maps. Over the course of the year, Cornell will do all the work to measure, assess our culverts and ONE dam.

Earth Day

The Earth Day celebration is Saturday April 23rd. The organizing committee has made a preliminary list of events and members of the CSC to staff them.

Julia & Mike Brown @ the Parsonage Garde. Matthew & Jan @ the Solar Table in the Pavilion. Molly & Garret @ Bike Repair at the Gazebo. Christina, Tracy and Rose will be floating through all these stations, depending on how the arts event is going. Lauren will be at the Rain Barrel sign up.

All events are going to start around 10:00.

New Business

The Town Board passed a resolution supporting the New York/ New Jersey Watershed Protection Act. We should promote it as well. It's Federal legislation that will provide a source of funding for communities in the watershed. The idea

is to provide 50 million dollars a year through 2026. The money would be used for projects watershed restorations. Kaare will do a blog post.

The Greenway Grant needs some deliverables soon, so if people want to help with that over the spring and summer that would be great.

The Waste committee will continue to work on its Waste Report.

The Town Board approved part of the American Recovery Act to do a scoping study of how to turn Activity Biding into a Cooling station. This is a CSC goal, and it will also update the bathroom to be ADA compliant. Kaare said the ARA doesn't mention cooling centers. It does say "emergency recovery centers" but hopefully we can use both terms and make the update as green as possible. It might make a great green-fund project.

A point for future discussions: What might we do with the \$5000 grant that we get for Community Solar. Christina mentioned "energy saving baskets" with LEDs and draftstops, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM