

February 15th 2023 CSC Meeting
Minutes

Committee Members in attendance: Christina Bohnsack, Matthew Mercier, Juila Shanbrom, Wendy Fieser, Tracy Martin

Observing: Kaare Christian.

January Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Waste & Education

Wendy and Julia are still talking with the school about a possible compost program. They want to make sure to have it planned out well so that it's successful. The questions we have are: how much waste the kids at the school produce at the school, and how often the pick-up will be.

Our compost bin at the Transfer Station is being picked up once a week and taking to Stone Barns. This will change once Jolene and county begin taking the food waste.

County CSC Update

The Columbia County CSC Task Force heard a presentation from Kale Roberts of ICLEI. They are now weighing if you employ their services. Clean Heating, Cooling & Energy Efficiency Campaign has begun. Our next step will be how to promote it.

Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign

We're working on having a Clean Heating & Cooling Demo in late March on Thursday the 23rd. Christina has made flyers and will use them to promote the county kick-off event and our local demo in Germantown. There is still a question if the heat pumps will qualify for the demo. We're going to try and recruit Jan to make a display for the demo.

Kaare and Christina met with Jamie about purchasing procedures, and Austin is keeping up with inputting the energy bills, so that should be ready to go when we want to produce a 2022 Greenhouse Gas Report.

Wendy, Tracy, Christina met about buying the materials for the energy saving gift baskets. National Grid has lower than market rate place where we can buy doorstops and LED lightbulbs, so we'll likely get the materials through here. Wendy will try to get donations from Home Depot. We have 100 tote bags and 100 reusable paper towels.

Community Solar

Matthew is going to talk to Cara from Neighborhood Sun about the status of the solar situation.

Green Revolving Fund

We have to get a description of the GRF to Corinne and the Town Board. We're hoping we can set up the Green Revolving Fund in order to purchase a replacement light/windmill to replace the current light, which is wasting a great deal of energy.

New Business

Earth Day: Christina has spoken to the Little League teams. They are in again. Christina will send out an email to the folks that participated last year.

Possible Projects:

Timers on the sewer plant and solar arrays on the clubhouse might be good projects for either CSC or NYSERDA grant money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.