

June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 CSC Meeting  
Minutes

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

*Observing: Kaare Christian.*

*Members of the Public: Noele Flowers*

May minutes were approved.

### Old Business:

#### **Education**

We are doing a composting workshop with Mike Cotrone to the camp during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July and then setting up a bin at the transfer station for Wednesdays. Mike is also going to compost water chestnuts.

Wendy told us the money for the composting program at the school will *run through the* school for the composting program. Bev, the principal suggested it not start right away. There is still the question of how the project will be staffed, either by us or school staff.

#### **Clean Heating Energy Efficacy & Cooling Campaign**

NYSERDA has reupped the money but changed the rules, so now it just the installation of heat pumps and *not* insulation projects. These will not be grandfathered in.

Out energy savings campaign is moving forward. Noele Flowers designed a great campaign flyer for us. We'll be handing out LED light bulbs and power strips during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Tracy will make a spreading for tabling shifts.

Matthew has submitted the action for our Clean Heating & Cooling Demo, which will put us over 3000 points at CEC and thus qualify us for a \$10K grant.

## **Community Solar**

Cara Humphries finally set out emails to at least half the list of signs up, including the town board, but there are a number of questions about the incentives and the new legal agreement, so those will need to be resolved before we make it official.

We're trying to determine the price for a solar array on the Salt Shed.

## **County Update**

The CARP remains a bit vague about our role and what is expected of us in Germantown, but the Cornell team has a huge database and is tracking what we have and don't have.

EV charging is moving ahead, and the northern town of the County are lobbying hard for stations, given their access to the Mass Pike.

The next Climate Carnival is September 2024.

## **New Business**

### **Water Chestnut**

Water chestnut pull is happening on Saturday and the Waterfront Committee is applying for a grant in order to get a large harvester.

### **Website:**

The material is too big for one newsletter so it's now up on the blog.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

