

July 19st 2023 CSC Meeting
Minutes

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

Observing: Kaare Christian.

Members of the Public: Molly Marquand; Noele Flowers, Jan Borchet

June minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Education

We did a composting workshop at the camp with Mike Cotrone. We dropped off metal garbage. Julia and Molly will take this can to the dump on Wednesday. We'll check it out on Friday to see if it needs to see if we need to empty it twice. Tracy did a grant application for the Hoover Foundation, but we didn't get it.

Community Solar

Corrine is now looking at the Solar agreement that Cara sent. There were a number of typos, but notes made.

County Task Force Update

The county has done enough work now that we've acquired some grants. We have roughly 30-35K to spend on a solar array for the Social Services building.

Clean Heating Energy Efficacy & Cooling Campaign

Matthew resubmitted 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. We've now received this grant and have until October to tell NYSERDA how we will spend this. These grants will require more detail than previous grants. We have two projects in mind: Improvements at wastewater plant (timers on blowers, VFDs) or a solar array on Highway Dept shed.

There are a few questions about if we can stack these grants. If we can time these projects for 2024, local governments will get tax breaks.

The Lasher project is still a big question mark, but the waste there has been cut off, so the waste plant might be a better candidate.

New Business

Ellen Epstein asked if we could create a residential guide for flooding. We'll look into it, given the Cornell report that it still unfinished.

Jan Borchert dropped in to talk about water scarcity, a subject that's come up with the rezoning committee. The idea would be to create a small survey to collect this data.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.