

## Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes—July 2021

Meeting started at 19:37 07-28-2021

Attended: Terese Platten, convener and liaison to Town Board, Dylan Cipkowski, Tara Donadio, Haley Balcanoff, Wendy Dwyer, Craig Westcott (minutes)

Guests: Will Powers, Josh Weisbuch

Approved Minutes from Preceding Meeting.

- CSC Portal and Documentation (46 points "done," 86 points "maybe do-able"):
  - The Lead member for each Action will email Craig the required documentation for the Action and Craig will both upload to the portal and save in the Canaan CSC shared google drive.
  - Tara pointed out that some Actions had already been marked completed in the Portal, and Craig shifted these to "planned" where appropriate.
  - Tara noted that the Bronze application must contain four Priority Actions and identified the following five that Canaan has either already completed (Government Operations GHG Audit, EV Charging Station) or could realistically complete (Government Buildings energy Audits [Craig], Natural Resources Inventory [Dylan], Climate Change Education & Engagement [Dylan-BioBlitz, Wendy-Compost mitigation events] for the Bronze application.
  - Tara will share Clean Energy Communities screen shots with Craig for upload to Portal as appropriate Action documentation.
  - Terese to research (through Supervisor Adams and the Columbia County website) the degree to which Canaan participated in the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan and associated Vulnerability Assessment to assess prospects for gaining these CSC points for Canaan.
  - Craig to review Actions to pull out the next most possible to keep the queue active.
- Community Solar:
  - Becky, Terese and Craig meet to select a provider and complete the NYSERDA Scoping Document. Possible presentation to Town Board at Monday August 9 meeting for supportive Resolution.
- NRI:
  - Dylan has downloaded maps from Columbia County NRI that will be the basis for the Canaan document. On track to complete by end-of-2021
- GHG Inventory:
  - Wendy and Dylan to pull and catalog Town energy bills and vehicles data. Josh offered to participate as a way to learn more about and prepare for the possibility of the Town Clerk position.

- Repair Cafe:
  - Wendy has participated in several meetings with New Lebanon organizers and reports that the Cafe will occur on October 23, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LVPA building in New Lebanon. The Repair Cafe seeks anyone willing to donate time to teach at the event, e.g., bike repair, electronics, carpentry, automotive, etc., and requires a **\$100 budget appropriation from the Town of Canaan** to purchase a Repair Cafe Kit and other necessities.
- Gypsy Moth Education:
  - Wendy and Dylan to create a campaign to inform and instruct Canaan residents regarding mitigation possibilities.
- Stoddard Field Native Plant Box:
  - Dylan reports that Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology is willing to donate some plant stock toward this effort. Date remains TBD.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday August 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m. @ Canaan Town Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 21:10

Submitted by Craig Westcott 08-03-21