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CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7 p.m., via Zoom

Present: Brenda Adams, Marion Bolognesi, Dylan Cipkowski, Liz Crawford, Tara Donadio, Becky Meier, Paul Naamon, Will Powers, Andrei Vankov, Craig Westcott.
Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
Craig took minutes for 03/01/212 meeting

New Business

2022 Goals

Brenda: Achieve Bronze Status, gather community for an April 30 Earth Week Event where CSC TF has a presence and there is a sensitive documents recycling aspect for seniors and woodlot [carbon] management for families.

Marion: Support CSC media, graphics and communications needs, keep Canaan special for their twins

Dylan: Submit NRI for CSC points and hand-off to various Town boards with directions for use, achieve Bronze, gather in community

Tara: BRONZE!

Becky: wrap up Community Solar project, conduct clean energy fairs in more towns, participate in Repair Cafes, plant flowers at Stoddard Field

Will: Immerse in and carry on the CSC work, keep Canaan special

Craig: Achieve Bronze status, gather together in-person

Brenda requested that the CSC develop a basic income/expense budget to track all grant money and financial outlays for CSC projects and reminded that no CSC TF member can act as an official agent of the town, nor make any financial commitments, nor enter into any contracts.

Continued Business

Energy-use data consolidation system:

- ...is NOT a Town Clerk responsibility and is unable to be added at this time
- It may be possible to appoint a volunteer "Designated User" to access the Town's digital account to extract the energy use data necessary to build and maintain this system

Natural Resources Inventory

- Dylan is working on summary statistics (in table form), style references, acknowledgements (include Town Board)
- Craig to review draft when available
- Once finished:
 - How to have Town ratify/adopt?
 - Formally present it to: Town board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, with recommendations and training for use
 - Put it on the town website, easily findable
 - Advertise it in town newsletters
 - Make it publicly available
 - Make a list of people/groups (Queechy Lake Association, Columbia Land Conservancy, etc.) we think should have a print copy. Find a grant to pay for printed copies and deliver them

Planter boxes at Town Park and CLC mini grant

- Dylan is working with Brenda on this.
- Maybe make it part of a larger plan for Stoddard Park April 30 event
- Jamie Purinton, native plant naturalist might give us some help with this

Solar campaign

- 40 households placed in community solar farms, 40 on waitlist, waiting for new farms to get up and running or people to leave existing farms. Becky is working with Brenda and Brian from Ampion to explain and articulate the details of the delay in town residents' ability to connect to the program. This will be articulated in the upcoming town newsletter
- Vinyl banners at 22/295 and 5/24 intersections are down and must be re-attached

Flex Tech government building energy audit

- The audit costs \$16,000: NYSERDA paid 1/2 and the town paid 1/2 (with Ampion funds)
- We are STILL waiting for data from NYSEG. Taylor from C&S may choose to use 2021 data instead of waiting for previous years' data to finalize the report
- There will be some NYSERDA funds to do projects suggested by the audit

LED streetlight

- Will cost \$3000 to convert 39 streetlights to LED

ChargePoint electric car charging station:

- Nearly operational!
- Renewed cloud storage account

Hazardous Waste Mitigation

- Craig will follow up to upload to CSC portal
- Columbia County Haz Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Greenport Highway garage
TBD. County needs a "push" to make this more of a priority.

Planning Board meeting attendance

- We will continue to encourage members of the Task Force to attend meetings
- Becky will call Ginny Gillian before each planning board, asking about the agenda and what's happening.

Uploading information to the Climate Smartportal

- Marion will work with Craig

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm- Zoom
- Create Zoom session and post on town website

A reminder that I will be away MAR 19-29. Thank you.cw

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Craig Arthur Westcott (he/his)