

Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2022

Minutes submitted by Becky Meier

Present: Brenda Adams, Craig Westcott, Will Powers, Becky Meier, Andrei Vankov

Notice was given that Paul Naamon has retired from the Task Force.

Craig:

- Craig will look into if there is a way we can collaborate with the County or NL on a composting project. The Chatham Transfer Station now accepts compost. How can we educate the town about this? Maybe we should talk with Jolene Race, County Waste Management Supervisor. PE5Action: Residential Organic Waste Program, 2-22 Points
- Craig will look into whether we can get points for additional code enforcement officer training. We already got points for last year's training. But he's done additional training.
- In the event the Task Force decides to move ahead with the Climate Vulnerability Assessment & Climate Adaptation Plan, the CSTF will send a recommendation to the Town Board that Tom be appointed the point person for this project (subject to his interest and availability). A recommendation will likely take place after the webinar.
- Craig will send a recommendation to the Town Board to review and approve the Grant that Dylan wrote for improvements to the Town Park.
- Craig will talk with Tara about where there is incentive money.
- Craig will ask Tara if there are any points for Advocacy (if we were to advocate for the passage of the "Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act")
- Craig will give Becky access to edit the Climate Smart grid.
- Craig will update the LED streetlight upgrade proposal and request a timeline for purchase and installation.

Brenda:

- Brenda is going to look into the streetlight upgrade to LED. There are 39 streetlights in Canaan and we got an estimate of \$3-4,000 to do this project. As Ampion funds will be used for the Energy Audit, Brenda will look for funds for the streetlights elsewhere in the budget. If funding can be identified, Brenda will put it on the town agenda for September meeting. We can get points for this. PE3Action: LD Street lights
- Brenda will pursue updated insurance information from New Lebanon as to how multiple towns can be covered for a common Repair Cafe, so that Canaan can participate.

- Tom and Brenda are going to attend a workshop titled Columbia County Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Planning. This may lead to further actions the town could take (and we could get points for).
- A base building assessment for the Highway Garage will be required prior to implementing the Building Energy Audit recommendations for the garage. How might this fit into the Climate Smart agenda?
- If the town makes any HVAC improvements these may be eligible for points. PE3 Action: HVAC Upgrades, points: 1-5
- Discussion around what actions we might take from the completed Energy Audit. Brenda is working on getting more information from the Company that did the Audit, especially around insulating the Highway Garage.

Becky

- Becky will talk to NLCSTF about what they did in regards to their Heat Pumps campaign and see if it is something we could do in Canaan. PE4 Action: Heat pumps, 9-22 Points
- Becky will look into what is involved in creating recycling at all the town offices. PE5 Action: Recycling bins in Government Buildings. Who transports the recycling and to where? 3 points
- Becky will consider doing a Zoom or in person mini- energy Fair in Canaan. Invite Columbia Opportunities, Ampion Solar, NYSERDA, HVAC Company for heat pumps and geothermal and an insulation company., PE8 Action: Green Vendor Fairs, 2 points
- Becky will see what we have to do to get credit for the Climate Carnival.

Andrei:

- Andrei might be interested in working on a Farmers Market with proprietor Dan Dunton of Shady Acres. We need to look into how we might be able to collaborate with Shady Acres to get some points. PE8 Action: Farmers' Markets, 3 points

There are points awarded for establishing a Cooling Center and the Canaan Fire Company is looking into this. PE7 Action: Cooling Centers, 1-9 points. We should talk with them about this. Anyone want to volunteer?

Brenda recommends the CCSTF Advocate for the "Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act" which will be on the ballot in November.

- Article in Newsletter
- publicity?
- flyer?

We need to continue to look through the Climate Smart grid to find other actions we can pursue.

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