

## **Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes**

October 4th, 2022 7 PM

Minutes submitted by Marion Bolognesi

Present: Will Powers, Craig Westcott, Becky Meier, Tom Potter, Dylan Cipkowski, Marion Bolognesi.

TASK FORCE COVID-19: In light of the recent spike in Columbia County's Covid-19 numbers, the task force considers the exposure risk during in-person meetings and how to move forward with the monthly meeting schedule. Task force members should proceed based on their comfort level for in-person meetings. November and December meetings will be via zoom.

Next two meeting dates:

TUE NOV 15 7-830 pm ZOOM

TUE DEC 20 7-830 pm ZOOM

### **Craig begins by reading the agenda: There are many ongoing/ existing projects, including:**

- Ecological restoration work
  - UPDATE 10/4- The town has approved the grant.
  - UPDATE 10/4- Grant submitted.
- GHG inventory
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning,
- LED streetlight upgrades proposal- Craig will update the and request a timeline for purchase and installation.
  - UPDATE 10/4
    - Brenda has made the call to NYEG/ Marilyn
    - We have a resolution- it will be between 3&4k - budget neutral (possibly using Ampion Community Solar funds)
    - The contract for work will be updated next week - work order is approved- there is a 6-8 month timeline for the replacement of LED lights
    - LED LIGHT INSTALLATION Must be completed for certification submission
  - Question - is street lamp performance outlined in the Energy Audit?
- Question - A base building assessment for the Highway Garage will be required before implementing the Building Energy Audit recommendations for the garage. How might this fit into the Climate Smart agenda- ongoing question (Audit performed by CNS engineering out of Albany)

### **Rather than review new projects, let's list the Nature and Status of existing projects -**

Our outstanding CSC Silver certification action checklist lives in a shared folder on google drive - [Canaan NY CSC TF- ACTION CHECKLISTx](#)

It's a priority for the task force to complete the below regarding actions:

- Agree on priorities

- Establish point person
- Scope sequence and timeline
- Approximate date of completion

Current Bronze certification submission:

- We are currently 4 points short for bronze submission and have the opportunity to be certified
- We want to be able to Submit for the January submission date

To Do/ Housekeeping:

- Andrei Vankov needs to be sworn in.
- **Columbia County Climate Vulnerability Adaptation and Resilience Plan-**
  - **UPDATE 10/4 we will participate, and Tom Potter will be our point person**
  - **UPDATE 10/4 Craig will write the formal recommendation to the town- for October 11th**
    - Gather input from the community and officials to gather recommendations for the town
    - Adapt to social - the process will take 10-12 months.
    - We will be on the advisory committee within Canaan.
- **Repair Cafe- Becky**
  - The town is moving towards approving the budget so that we can update our insurance and participate in the repair cafe.
  - We can reignite this convo in November.
- Convo with Tara regarding prioritizing action based on available funds- **Craig**
  - Look at grants funded from 2022- to see what will be available for 2023, as they will likely remain the same.
  - Craig will do this overview.
  - Grants will open in May and close in July.
  - The town will have to pledge 50%, so we must plan accordingly.
- Ecological restoration work
  - UPDATE 10/4 Grant has been approved by the town
  - UPDATE 10/4 Grant has been submitted
- [Thursday, October 20th, 5:30-730 - CSC CAC round-table basilica Hudson-Terrance Duval](#) opportunity for task forces and - **Craig** will attend
- September/ October 2023- Climate Carnival - document participation- **Becky**
- Note on Priority actions and how they work, and where we need to be for submission in January
  - To submit for bronze, we need three priority actions (silver submission requires six, including below)
    - NRI
    - Gov building Energy audit
    - EV charging station
  - We need to identify an additional three actions for Silver submission.
    - **Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory - possible 16 points (Some work has already been completed- let's get this one done)**
      - Energy audit
      - Energy benchmarking Terese PE3- 3.32 2-4points
      - PE7.2 & 7.4 Columbia County Climate Vulnerability Adaptation and Resilience Plan- possible 15 points- **Tom**

- **Additional Actions we should prioritize-** - [Canaan NY CSC TF- ACTION CHECKLISTx](#)
  - PE7 7.13 Columbia County Climate Vulnerability Adaptation and Resilience Plan - **Dylan**
  - PE7 7.10 Action: Watershed-based Flood Mitigation Plan - **Dylan**
  - PE7.12 PE7 Action: Riparian Buffers- **Dylan**
  - PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events- 9.3 - **Becky**
  - PE4 Action: Heat Pumps 4.5 - **Becky and Marion?**
  - PE8 Action: Community Campaigns - **Becky and Marion?**
  - PE5 Recycling Bins in Government Buildings- the town must have a plan. **Will**
  - PE8.2 Green Vendor Fairs - **Becky**
  - PE7.9 Cooling/ warming center - Fire Dept does cooling describe the cooling center - **Craig & Marion**
  - PE7.8 Shade Structures- anything built on town land/ government policy - **Will & Craig**
  - PE7.21 Culverts and dams - **Tom & Craig**

Thanks & best,  
Marion