

January 31st, 2023

Minutes submitted by Marion Bolognesi

Present: Craig Westcott, Tara Donadio, Dylan Cipkowski, Larry Bennett, Becky Meier, Will Powers, Marion Bolognesi

Agenda:

- Heat Pump Campaign
- Ecological Restoration Project
- 2023 Projects
- Earth Day

The meeting begins with Craig updating us on his submission for Bronze Certification.

Canaan Clean Action Communities Grant-

- 3000 points are required for Canaan to receive the Clean Action Communities grant- we have 1900 points, Street lights are 700, and climate-smart certification is 700 points.
- Town Hall/ Highway Garage Recycling Program. **Brenda & Will**

Heat Pump Campaign:

- Send Larry Flyer to share our underwritemuw@gmail.com- he will hand it out at the transfer station. **Marion**
- Ask Rycor to set up the zoom meeting and share the zoom link. **Becky**
- Get in touch with Chatham and Kinderhook Task Force to share their Heat Pump Campaign info. **Becky**
- Share the contact info for the Chatham & Kinderhook CSCTF campaign point person. **Tara**
- Can we get Brenda to share a newsletter about the heat pump campaign? **Will?**

Ecological Restoration Project

- \$6k Grant for the Ecological Restoration Project was awarded.
- Funding will go towards continuing the pollinator project and beginning the water chestnut abatement project.
- Meet with PCAHV to develop their grant plan and report. **Dylan and Craig**
- More large shade trees, red oak, and fruit trees will go to Stoddard Park.
- Two big community days could help get essential items in the ground- professionals should install the trees.
- We need a breakdown of the hours required to complete the work to strategize how best to schedule visits to act on the plan.
- Coordinate first-year tree watering at Stoddard Park. **Dylan**
- Create a schedule and align on when we receive items and how to move all to action. **Dylan and Craig**

2023 Projects

- Creating a climate action plan is the next big step we will need for the CSC

- Climate Action Plan- what is the game plan for the town to think about reducing emissions where we can- lay it out on paper to drive spending and policy- Austerlitz is just finalizing - Tara will share so we can proceed with the same. **Craig**
 - Step 1 get board approval.
 - Discuss transportation
 - Buildings
 - Waste & recycling
 - What is our climate goal? Should we follow the state?
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment-
- PE7 7.13 Columbia County Climate Vulnerability Adaptation and Resilience Plan - **Tom**
- PE7 Preserve Natural Areas- is this for establishing a new reserve or working on an existing one. **Dylan**
- PE7.9 Cooling/ warming center - Fire Dept does cooling describe the cooling center - **Craig & Marion**
- PE7 7.10 Action: Watershed-based Flood Mitigation Plan - Designing Flood Maps **Dylan**
- PE5 Recycling Bins in Government Buildings- the town must have a plan. **Will**
- PE7.8 Shade Structures- anything built on town land/ government policy - **Will & Craig**
- PE7.21 Culverts and dams - **Tom & Craig**
- 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**
- PE8.2 Green Vendor Fairs - **Becky**
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- Expand the Bike recycling program. Can we get credit for Larry Participating in the New Lebanon bike repair? **Craig**
- Update Action Tracking Spreadsheet with goals for Silver Certification. **Craig and Marion**

Earth Day- Stoddard Park cleanup and Bronze Certification Celebration Sunday, April 23. **Craig**

Next meeting is on February 28 at 7 PM - Via zoom.

Thank you.cw