

Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023

Minutes submitted by Craig Westcott

Present: Craig Westcott, Tara Donadio, Tom Potter

Agenda:

- Bronze Certification status update
 - Ecological Restoration Project, April 23 + addt'l Community Day planning
 - Heat Pump Campaign
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1. NYSERDA is reviewing CSC Certification applications, including Canaan's for Bronze status, and expects to announce awards by March 3.
 2. Ecological Restoration project meeting with PCAHV, Dylan and Craig clarified requirements, timelines, and supports. Planning for the initial workday on Sunday April 23 is well underway, and 2 additional Community Work Day dates have been tentatively scheduled: **Saturday June 10** and **Saturday July 8**.
 3. The heat pump campaign was not discussed.
 4. Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning:

The goal is to devise a Story of Place that can be used for both decision-making at the municipal level and education at the property owner level, using an ecologically restored Town Park as a demonstration zone. Review nyclimatescience.org for more detail about conceivable data points.

Canaan is grouped with three other participating local towns, New Lebanon, Austerlitz, and Ghent. There will be a questionnaire to complete that will begin to initiate the work.

The "leadership" for this initiative will be the CSC Task Force PLUS current and former Town officials, e.g., Steven VT and Bernie Meyers, etc.

Data must be solicited and compiled from existing documentation, e.g., maps, and, critically, "community-sourced" anecdotes from folks who have been in Canaan long enough to see how the infrastructure performance has changed/is changing, e.g., stream crossings, bridges, culverts, flooding data, etc. via 1:1, small group, and all-resident invite town meetings, as well as leveraging resources at the county level, e.g., Don Meltz, Columbia County GIS Specialist.

Tom requested to view the 2018 Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan **Tara**

Next meeting is Tuesday March 28 at 7 PM - Via zoom.