

## **Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Minutes: March 28th, 2023**

Minutes submitted by Marion Bolognesi

Present: Craig Westcott, Dylan Cipkowski, Thomas Potter, Becky Meier, Marion Bolognesi

Agenda:

- Bronze Status
- April 23, EARTH DAY
- Heat Pump Campaign
- Climate Assessment/ Adaptivity/ Vulnerability
- Anti-Heat Pumpers
- ECORICH Composting Demo

Heat Pump Campaign:

- We already have 3, maybe 4, out of our five required homes.
- Discussion ensued surrounding the insulation / NYSEG bill with SEAL Insulation Company.
- Contact Chatham and Kinderhook Task Force to share their Heat Pump Campaign info.
- Heat Pump Campaign on the website <https://canaannewyork.org/canaan-climate-smart-committee/>
- <https://canaannewyork.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Heat-Pump-Campaign-for-Canaan-and-Columbia-County.pdf>
- Put some info together on the financing available for the heat pump campaign - how do we share that info? Create one sheet. Post again on social.
- Central Hudson fuel switching calculator - post on social media <https://www.cenhud.com/en/my-energy/save-energy-money/energy-calculators/fuel-switching-calculator/>
- Contact Dells HVAC and other installers on Canaan Contracts.
- Follow up with the firehouse on their contract.
- Discussion regarding the PACE program for residential application

To Do:

- Update the data on the website and make sure that our climate task force meetings are correctly listed on the website: **CRAIG WILL UPDATE**
- Per Tara- try to stay as organized as possible/ keep
- Spread the word about the Earth Day event.
- Get aligned on the projects for the earth day event.
  - Dylan is working on plants, specifically.
  - Working with Callanders, The Berry Farm, Country Caretaker
  - Ask for involvement from local plant suppliers.
- Can we get help excavating the holes for the tree?
- A notice will let us know we are cleared to share our certification.
- Announce other work days, like June 10 follow up
- Change the letter board at the town hall to Earth Day promo

BRONZE STATUS/APRIL 23 Earth Day celebration and task force bronze cert party

- April 23 (Sunday) earth day event

- Hopefully, the signage will be ready
- Governor will be honoring several towns in the state
- Celebration of bronze certification
- Clean up/ general spring cleaning
- Joel will be there with his tractor to assist
- Raised beds excavated
- Dylan will print a hard copy of the NRI
- Snacks
- June 10 will be a follow-up, and that's when the plants will go into the ground
- Bronze status- we believe we will receive 140 points
  - We will be able to review our points specifically when the details are released

#### ECORICH Composting Demo

- Friday, April 21, 2023, at 10:30 AM
- Greenport Transfer Station is Located at 51 Newman Rd Hudson, NY
- **Dylan** will attend
- Craig will forward the flyer

#### Climate Assessment/ Adaptivity/ Vulnerability

- Tom has been tasked as the town contact to fill out a survey regarding who will be participating - the task force is included, as is Brenda.
- Question of folks who can participate from local groups
- Cornell extension would then reach out to coordinate to collect data that we have/ can gather/on how we will be impacted by climate change.
- How will we plan for how we are affected by climate change?
- Follow Dylan's model and info from the NRI.
- After this meeting, Tom will share an email announcing this and sharing how we will be involved- keep an eye out.
- Municipal master plan- zoning ordinance - gather around a table with a plan or a map planning what we will do, for example, how we would deal with a storm like a storm we just experienced in March- 3 feet.
- This will be happening over the next year or two.
- We will be grouping into four town quads.
- Let's try to loop in Terese.
- Bernie Meyers?