

Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes August 28th, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Marion Bolognesi

Present: Tara Donadio, Thomas Potter, Elyse Mason, Victoria Mills, Becky Meier, Will Powers, Marion Bolognesi

Agenda:

1. Welcome Members & Guests
2. Approve July 16, 2024, Minutes
3. Revisit Objectives and Goals for CEC Accomplishments
4. Revisit Objectives and Goals for CSC “Path to Silver”
5. Prioritize and Establish CEC & CSC Action Items and Timelines for Task Force Members
6. Updates on CSC PE 9 “Inspire & Inform the Public” Actions (TBD)

Homework for CEC Grant:

COLOR KEY: Becky Marion Elyse Brenda Tom Will

- **Clean Energy Upgrades (Municipal): (15% = 200 points, 20% = 300 points)**
 - **Brenda** will send Tara specifications of heat pumps in DPW so Tara can determine if we will earn 200 or 300 points.
- **Community Campaigns: Clean Heating & Cooling Tier 2 (10 participants: 600 points)**
 - **Marion, Becky, and Elyse** will create a spreadsheet of all heat pump installations.
 - It is believed that there have been nine heat pump installations since April, bringing us close to achieving the 600-point goal.
 - **Becky** will call Rycor.
 - **Brenda** will reach out to Dells.
 - **Marion** will contact Hot Water Solutions & Ridgeline
- **Electric Landscaping Equipment:**
 - **Tara** will share the Catskill equipment list with Brenda.
 - **Brenda** will reach out to Stephen about his equipment needs.

Minutes:

- **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the July 16, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.
- **CEC Grant Information:**
 - The \$100,000 grant sunsets in December 2025.

- Of the \$25 million in available funds, \$21 million have been spent, and only limited funds remain. This funding is statewide, not regional.
- We need an additional 900 points to reach the goal of 5,000 points (we currently have 4,100 points).
- All submissions must be made by the end of 2024.
- The submission process is straightforward; Tara and Hailey will assist with this process.
- Tara will research whether the highway department insulation project can contribute to the 15-20% goal (200 points for 15%, 300 points for 20%).
- The Highway Department insulation project is part of Clean Energy Upgrades.
- The Highway Department Heat Pump project is currently out for bid.
- Six ports for EV charging are planned would be needed in order to qualify for clean energy upgrades
- Electric Landscaping equipment- There is a requirement for 5 metric tons/5,000 BTU (Catskill used 3 weed whackers, a push mower, a blower, and a chainsaw).
- **CEC Clean Heating and Cooling for Municipal Buildings:**
 - There are 200 points available for electric landscaping versus EV charger installation.
 - Stephen is planning on purchasing landscaping equipment; we will review his list to see if any items can be adapted to electric options.
 - There is a requirement for 5 metric tons/5,000 BTU (Catskill used 3 weed whackers, a push mower, a blower, and a chainsaw).
 - \$10,000 is available for completing the heat pump campaign.
 - We need to submit an intention letter to NYSERDA detailing how we plan to use these funds.
 - \$5,000 is available for our EV Campaign project, and we should receive notice soon.
 - We need to revisit the energy audit to determine feasible investments to increase points.
- **CSC Submission Date:**

The submission deadline is late December or early January.
- **Town Yard Sale & Repair Cafe (October 12 & 13) (PE5)**
 - Parking needs to be prioritized.
 - All meeting participants are willing to assist.
 - A free table will be available.
 - Participants must bring their own tables.
 - Food trucks and music will be present.
 - Becky will ask Rebecca Nebesar if she is willing to offer professional sewing services.
 - Tistrea may help transport free table items to the Restore or Goodwill.
 - Free store criteria and involvement of Katherine Shane Lyden were discussed.

- **Upcoming Climate Carnival (September 14) (PE5)**
 - Our table will be next to Ghent's.
 - **Will** will help with setup and takedown.
 - **Becky, Marion and Victoria** will staff the table. **Marion** will provide a table skirt.
 - The event runs from 11 AM to 3 PM, with setup from 11 AM to 12 PM.
 - Activities will include a scavenger hunt, pinwheel project, bubbles, pinwheels, achievement lists, flyers for the heat pump campaign, and the EV vehicle campaign.
- **Clean Energy Audit:**
 - **Tom** will review the Energy Audit to identify actionable items.

The new minutes document, which includes a history of our minutes, can be found here: [Minutes Document](#).

When finalized, these minutes will be available on the Town website under Minutes > Canaan Climate Smart Task Force.

Next Meeting: SEPTEMBER 17th 2024 7 PM