

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Canaan, NY | Climate Smart Task Force
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:30 – 8:00 PM

November 19, 2024 (Attending: Brenda, Dylan, Lindsay, Nick, Tom, Victoria. Regrets: Becky, Elyse, Marion)

- Brenda updates
 - Town website will be migrating to Square, which will be more user-friendly and allow posting more content. Brenda and Marion are meeting tomorrow to discuss process & timeline.
 - Using ARPA funding, Canaan will develop a new comprehensive plan focused on housing and the environment.
- October meeting minutes approved. VICTORIA to send Heather for posting on Town website.
- CEC progress report:
 - Applications are in! Town board is pleased with progress. Thanks to Victoria, Elyse, Brenda, Steve Powers.
 - Highway garage roof is ready. We need to minimize roof perforation with solar installation.
 - Next steps:
 - VICTORIA: ask solar vendors about cost for ground-mounted array, and best location/orientation. Screen-planting evergreens to protect viewshed.
 - VICTORIA: ask heat pump vendors to estimate how much more we'll spend on electricity for heat pumps, accounting for turning off AC and boiler and unplugging 5 space heaters.
 - ELYSE to let us know as soon as she hears from NYSERDA on funding.
 - BRENDA: Send thank you note to Steve Powers.
- DYLAN is stepping down from Task Force but will continue to help as he is able.
 - Dylan applied on 10/25 for \$2440 grant from Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley for sign and mulch.
 - Future funding ideas: invasive species removal (e.g. water chestnut and bittersweet vine).
- Climate Smart Communities Path to Silver
 - Yard sale: TOM: ask Marion and Elyse to upload documentation.
 - Repair Café:
 - TOM: ask Becky if we can do next one on Community Day (June) and still cooperate with the New Lebanon/Columbia County people.
 - BRENDA: check dates for Community Day 2025.
 - Documentation for PE7: TOM: ask Marion if she can submit documentation to CSC including links to updated website by end of 2024.
 - PE7 Future Actions: Canaan has applied (with Cornell and Trout Unlimited) for a grant from Hudson River Estuary Program of NYDEC to do an assessment of culverts and dams. We should know by end of year if funds are awarded. Then we'll apply for \$ to do the work.
 - PE_7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4: Using Canaan's completed Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CARP) document, post to Town website (once upgrade completed) and establish links to relevant content to meet public engagement priorities as identified by Lindsey (Cornell)
 - Lindsay presented the rack cards she is developing for flood awareness/prevention. ALL: review copy that Lindsay will email so cards can be completed ASAP.
 - PE_7.6: Canaan has also completed work on hazard mitigation plan.
 - ALL: look at August "Path to Silver" tracking document to review previous assignments and what's possible to achieve by April 1, 2025. Discuss opportunities at December meeting.
- Next meeting: avoid week of 12/16. Tom and Victoria to confer on dates and circle back to group.