

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Canaan, NY | Climate Smart Task Force
Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

In attendance: Will McCall, Lindsey Strehlau-Howay, Elyse Mason, Brenda Adams, Becky Meier, Nick Adams, Victoria Mills, Thomas Potter
Regrets: Marion Bolognesi, Will Powers, Haley Balcanoff

Approved Minutes from November: Victoria will send minutes to Heather

Clean Energy Communities Grant

- Waiting for phone call from NYSERDA about \$100,000 CEC grant
- As soon as contract with NYSERDA is signed, we can choose vendors for solar and heat pumps. Send vendor contracts to NYSERDA and we will get a voucher to pay for \$25,000. Remaining funds will be given by reimbursement.
- Victoria is continuing due diligence on vendors for CEC grant

Where is 11/20 Money? Elyse will investigate with NYSERDA

Cornell Cooperative Extension work on Disaster Preparedness

- Lindsey made presentation- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Work is now done
- Monthly posts will go up on Facebook and Instagram pages
- Information has been uploaded to town's website
- Brenda will describe work in next newsletter
- Introduced Will McCall, another Cornell employee, who would work with us if we get culvert grant
- Lindsey has created a shared Drive, "Box" where all the mitigation materials live, so we can change, use things if/when we need. "Toolkit"- materials and extras.
- They brought rack cards
- We need 2 outreach events on climate change.
 - Would DISHES training last year at firehouse last April count?
 - Have to be within same year
 - Maybe we could do one in-person event on Earth Day?
- The Towns of Olive and Poughkeepsie have already submitted. Lindsey will send links so it can help guide us.
- Waiting to hear about culvert inventory grant

Getting to silver with CSC

- We need access to the Google docs and drive where the files for our committee live. Elyse will contact Craig.
- Elyse and Marion to own the CSC tracker (spreadsheet)
- We need to organize our shared files and have access to them.
- Originally we wanted to apply for Silver in April 2025, but now thinking that might be too soon.
- Elyse will upload the info to NYSERDA, if we all update documentation to a shared Google drive
- Recertification: Victoria will check if we have to redo any of the actions we did for Bronze.
- Lindsey described how to earn points for PE 9.1. Need someone to own documentation of this item.

New Members: With Craig and Dylan off the Task Force, we need to find 2 new members.

Homework:

- Everyone look at document titled [Canaan NY CSC TF-Action Checklist](#) and send Victoria:
 - What has been done?
 - What should we do?
 - What can you personally commit to?
- Be strategic in planning an event, so we get as many points as possible.