

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Canaan, NY | Climate Smart Task Force
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Present: Victoria Mills, Becky Meier, Brenda Adams, Will Powers, Nick Adams. Regrets: Marion Bolognesi, Elyse Mason, Tom Potter.

Approved Minutes from November: Victoria will send minutes to Heather

Minutes from December approved

Completed Work

- High Peaks Solar chosen to install solar panels on the roof of the highway garage.
 - Installation will begin in Spring.
- Ridgeline Heating and Cooling chosen to install heat pumps for the Town Hall.
 - They will install 11 pumps. Work will begin in March or April.
- Victoria will draft an article for March town newsletter.
- Issue a press release once work is done.

Capital District Regional Planning Commission's draft Climate Action Plan (CAP)

- Yearlong planning process
- Columbia County will start work on their own soon. Then towns may adopt their own.
- Brenda will convene Dylan and Victoria to review draft and note items relevant to Canaan.

Climate Smart Communities Path to Silver

- Need 300 points for Silver Certification. Current estimate: we have 140, need 160 more.
- Victoria, Elyse and Tara to review and update new CSC tracking spreadsheet
- Elyse to check status of shared Google drive for Task Force documents.

Upcoming events for Spring 2025

- Earth Day: no plans
- Community Garden Day: May timing. Brenda will ask Dylan if he has bandwidth to take this on. Potential partners: Greenagers, Flying Deer, 4H, Scouts
- Water Chestnut Removal: will be professionally done. Consider adding on a community event.
- Canaan Day: Saturday, June 14th. Will include a Repair Cafe in and around the Town Hall. Need to address concerns about parking.
- Invasive Species Removal in woodlot behind Stoddard Field. Invasive plants: Rose, Bittersweet, Garlic Mustard. Becky to ask Bob Connors if he will take this on. Potential partners: "John" who had an invasive plant table at Canaan Day, Glenda Berman who sat with John, Cornell Extension master gardener. Take pictures before and after.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 18th, 7pm at Town Hall. Note change of time back to 7 pm. This will allow Brenda to attend another meeting beforehand.