

Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting
August 18th, 2026 – 7PM

In attendance

Task Force Members:

- Victoria Mills – Co-Chair, Town Board Liaison
- Elyse Mason – Co-Chair
- Becky Meier
- Tom Potter
- Eva Dean Welchman

Note: there were no minutes from the July meeting as only two Task Force members attended. Discussion focused on planning the September 24th movie night.

Announcements

- Canaan's application for the ZEV infrastructure grant was declined due to ineligible equipment. Victoria is following up with DEC as she has an email saying the equipment qualifies for the grant.
- Another announcement to be made public in December.

September 24th movie night

- Per Jay's email, we will select films from [Chapter 1](#)
 - Flyer edits:
 - Put text under header on one line
 - Add pizza and salad will be provided (VM to bring salad)
 - Make font bigger
 - Elyse to send out sign-up sheet to CSTF to bring food
 - Communications plan
 - VM to post flyer at Post Office, New Lebanon store
 - Elyse send out flyer to CSTF email list
 - Post event in Columbia Paper
 - Post on Canaan social channels
 - Include in town newsletter late August/early Sept (confirmed w/Brenda)
 - All to send flyer to personal contacts
 - Becky to follow up with Jay on run of show, how CSTF can help
- Canaan Community Day
 - CSTF table was good, activity was interesting and educational

- Attendance was low. How to get the word out?
 - Good for CSTF to have a table. Look at CARP for ideas for next year's table.
- Heat Emergency Plan
 - No one showed up to cooling center in July. How can we get the word out?
 - Door to door
 - Once a year physical mailing about town services
 - Buddy system for new residents
 - Ghent is implementing Community Captain idea (September 26 Community Day)
 - This is also relevant to CARP implementation
- Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP)
 - September 15th meeting will focus on priority implementation steps for Canaan. Neil Bettez from Hudson River Estuary Program will join the meeting.
 - Assignment: all to re-read the CARP, especially the recommendations, and bring our top 2-3 priorities for implementation to the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm