



## North Salem | Climate Smart Community

### Minutes of the Climate Smart Community Leadership Committee Meeting October 2, 2023

Attending: Katherine Daniels, Janine Kourakos, Edris Scherer, Holly Thomson, Chris Brockmeyer, Laura O'Donohue, Pam Pooley, Annie Farrell, Brandi Keenen, and Jocko McKean

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Acceptance of Minutes- the minutes of the last two meetings will be presented at the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

Review of the analysis of Croton Falls EV parking survey- based on the survey, there are at least 13 people who would use them at the train station; and there is an incentive not to be plugged in all day, as you will get charged an overtime fee. As we have chargers already here at town hall we need to do a press release and have the library or whomever also publicize it; currently we only have 3 town EV vehicles.

Review of revised ICLEI Community GHG Inventory- we need new pictures that are more suitable; and we should all keep revisiting the idea of putting solar on our own property.

-Laura mentioned the drivers coming through North Salem,  
-we talked about the excess speed in and around town: Pam mentioned that Bedford has several units that inform drivers that they are going too fast; Chris reports that it is a town issue and we can indeed install them wherever we want as long as it is not on state property.

Report from Bedford 2030 EV Expo-the farmers market was very helpful for attendance, that is clear; they were disappointed it seems that the raffle was so "slow; perhaps 20 EVs were on display; mowers and other equipment was there; although shortened, it was pretty well attended

Planning for November 2nd Clean Heating/Cooling Workshop- Nov 2- 6-8 PM; each vendor will have 15 minutes to present and will have tables as well 'outside';

a) Vendors are lined up, we have the venue now we need a catchy name! -Clean-Cool-Sense!!!!

How do we make sure to have attendance?

- Will take ads in local papers; flyers and posters from Roe
- Ask the wine shop in Croton Falls to donate wine for the evening;
- and appetizers from Annie's in Croton Falls perhaps?

-need to go visit a few solar array installations that Annie is talking about.

November 4th invite from North Salem Improvement Society- at their annual meeting they have invited CAC, us, to make up a panel; we can talk about the issues from a climate perspective, suggests Katherine.

Discussion with Chris via Zoom: Planning board will be talking about EV chargers at their next meeting- their view is to allow accessory use for Level 2 chargers; no cap, but not sure how many that means; no Level 3 chargers at this point; so incremental with our approach Chris suggests; we are talking about commercial unit; we also need to approach the gas stations off 684 for buy in.

Also: fuel alternative vehicles- there are not a lot of choices even for light vehicles at this point and no choices for heavy/larger vehicles; have we considered hybrid vehicles? An issue for the police is whether they can use their computers and such working properly...at least this is the perception out there. Apparently there really is not a big issue here.

Adjourned 7:06 PM