



North Salem | Climate Smart Community

Meeting of the Climate Smart Action Committee

April 24, 2023

Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

Attending-In Person: Katherine Daniels, Dorian Rosenfeld, Angelo Casale, Annie Farrell, Holly Thomson, Jocko McKean, Janine Kourakos, Pam Pooley, Brandy Keenan, Edris Scherer, Christiane Stamp, and Rick O'Leary

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM

1. Acceptance of Minutes- the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the committee
2. Update on Highway Garage- Katherine set up a subcommittee to help navigate the approach to changing over the heating system at the garage; she found out that a heat pump will be appropriate and a site visit from a contractor or consultant is the next step and will be completed by the next meeting.
3. Update on EV charger at Town Hall- nothing new to report since last meeting; plan is still to install one at the town hall complex; another bid is due soon to consider.
4. Update on ICLEI GHG Community inventory is our next step through; they will estimate some of the data; the issue of methane produced by horses is or has been estimated as well, as has the manure produced which is carted out of town to produce mulches and such.
5. New support from Sustainable Westchester- they have a new program that helps us draft the RFPs and help with vendors which will be utilized here if we sign up; their first step in helping us is to produce a decarbonization of the town hall complex and another structure mentioned; a concept paper was produced by Katherine and Janine in short order and will not commit us to anything; we learned our project is too small for them to consider, however; there will be a possibility to mount a geothermal project for all 4 building at the town complex; prior to this will be an energy audit of the campus; we look forward to future funding for smaller projects such as ours and help is requested for this when appropriate.

6. Planning for Spring Climate Fair-

CSC Table at Library Fair (firm up our plan) - lightbulbs; signups for community solar; heat pump fact sheets; bring copies of the WinWaste brochure (see the dual stream guidelines on our town website); the EV demo? Do a sign up sheet for Newsletter at the fair; (Katherine asked about finding out if people would actually use a charger at the train station)

7. Newsletter (Spring) The current newsletter was passed around the meeting to great acclaim. Well done!

8. Presentation on Composting by Christiane Stamp: there are basically 3 options-

1. Food scrap drop off such as Mt Kisco and the scraps are picked up by the County;
2. Scarsdale does curbside pickup; 3. or a composting center is another option.

Costs: about \$2000 for weekly pickup annually by the County if we can convince the County to include us.

Scarsdale- we are invited to see their system which is the curbside pickup.

If we were to do the Scarsdale approach we would need a site to collect
-Katherine commented that our mission is to keep “traffic” down and not drive this type of thing around but the benefits might outweigh the downsides; as we are not in the garbage consortium the county may not come here, but we will find out; the idea that restaurants here in town getting involved would make a big impact; Brandy brought up the Lomi device automatically composts inside your home; remember to ask Annie about composting materials for the fair; note to find out what Bedford does along these lines; Brandy mentioned that the school is looking into new food contracts some of which include composting in the contract; can we convince restaurants to get involved?; Edris asked about what happens at the nursing homes in town as they produce a huge amount of waste; Katherine commented on the industrial sized Lomi type machine.

Next Meeting is June 26; we will not be meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM