



North Salem | Climate Smart Community

June 26 2023 Meeting of Climate Action Committee

Attending: Rick O'Leary, Pam Pooley, Holly Thomson, Janine Kourakos, Jocko McKean, Edris Scherer
By Zoom: Annie Farrell

AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM at the Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

Recap of recent trip to the Stamford WinWaste Facility: Holly mentioned that actually a large portion of what is brought in there is reused, recycled or repurposed; what they produce is sold to various outlets depending on the price of the material; at the end, all the bails are stacked and eventually sent to wherever. It does point out that we produce a lot of waste. How do we dial this back?

1. Recap of CSC Table at Library Fair- Event was successful and well attended. Committee members distributed light bulbs and informational sheets.

2. Planning for Fall Educational Programs- our focus should be on education this year: insulation, heat pumps, and solar would be a good choice for topics and even pair it with a good movie on a pertinent topic; what can we move forward on for the school as a separate agenda or program. The school program could be : Biggest Little Farm (though the farm might not be very practical); helping them get on the Pollinator Pathway; Save the Fireflies; Making Bug Hotels; meet with the superintendent with Brandy; to be continued...

3. Update Climate Action plan- Janine and Katherine will spend a few hours to review and recommend next steps and will notify the committee when that will happen.

4. Create Vehicle Replacement Schedule- help is needed here to focus on EVs and Hybrid vehicles and we have a schedule from Hastings that we can use to plug in where our fleet is at the point and make recommendations. We need some research on trucks that are coming out in the near future and how much we can count on this for real world usage. If we prioritize who can and can't really use an EV and who can't it will help us in the long run.

5.Update on EV charger at Town Hall- we have signed a contract for a charger at Town Hall that has been approved by NYSEG. The Town is also looking at installing the same at Croton Falls train station.

6.Update on Highway Garage- this week our committee is meeting with Buffalo Geothermal to see what can be done with this complex.

New business:

-Church auction- July 29th at St. James: Pam informed us they want more community groups to have a presence there; give away more light bulbs and info; attending should be the fire department for volunteer outreach; We should have a booth there like we did at the Library Fair; time frame would be 10-2 at most or less if needed; bring your NYSEG bill and have it analyzed???; Pam will connect with Janine for how to help advertise that we will be at the auction to get more people to the auction; we should put together a short video of our trips to the WinWaste plant and whatever else we can quickly communicate in a short time: Jocko and Holly will work on a short video with “footage” taken at our recent trip there.

Next meeting is July 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM