



## North Salem | Climate Smart Community

### MINUTES of the March 27, 2023 Meeting of the Climate Smart Community Leadership Committee

Attending in person: Katherine Daniels, Chris Brockmeyer, Edris Scherer, Holly Thomson, Rick O'Leary, Charlotte Harris, Brandy Keenan, and Jocko McKean  
Attending via Zoom: Janine Kourakos and Anne Farrell

Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM

A quorum was present.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously.
2. Options for Replacement of waste oil burner at NS Highway Garage-
  - a) Alternatives for replacing the heating system at the Highway garage were discussed: what alternatives do we have? Air exchange heat pumps? Will that work in this space? Perhaps the firm that did 3 Owens could look at it? What about geothermal? This committee is hoping to make a proposal and/or research for the town, though it would be financed by the town itself.
  - b) this is a perfect opportunity to replace the old-style oil burner and look at replacing it with an electric based system and not lock in this building for years of oil heat at this point.
  - c) can we outline a proposal for NYSEG as we have some time before another heating season; and to see if we can combine accounts to make it possible to save money? -Katherine proposes that we should talk to the towns who have done their garages and find out about industrial heat pumps; Edris will join Katherine on those calls or visits. (Hamilton and New Lebanon).
3. Spring Climate Fair- what date would work? Should we put off until September? Taking advantage of the Library Fair is good, but we need to see the availability of the Dandelion people. Perhaps the 6th of June?
  - a) Expecting to have a table at the Library Fair but we need that confirmed.
  - b) Geothermal presentation by Dandelion- want to do a presentation for the town and town residents to promote this approach; better suited for 3 Owens or another location
  - c) Solar presentation by Sunpower

- d) CSC Table at Library Fair- will need materials for composting (Anne); as well Brandy will be there as part of 4H doing things about worm casting and growing vegetables.
  - e) eventually we could mount a “kitchen” tour type thing to see geothermal applications and solar as well as heat pumps installations
4. EV charger at Town Hall- an estimate of approx \$2500 is nice, but it would be a level 2 charger; at the moment there are not employee or town EVs; it would be incentive to help changeover town vehicles when appropriate; why are we doing this in the first place? Is it an incentive for people to buy EVs?
    - a) would the schools consider putting in charging stations?
    - b) a side issue here is a plan to change the town fleet over to EVs; it seems that police cars are an issue here and may not be possible any time soon (due to electronic issues in the EVs themselves).
    - c) still looking at Croton Falls train station and have done a survey of the permit holders at the lot.
  5. Newsletter (Spring) was passed around and a few changes were made- Janine will help finalize;
    - a) we need ideas for the summer edition or volume 2: advertise for the climate flair; an article about incentives for newer heating systems and this type of thing which would be important for residents to know. Can we adapt from what is out there already?
  6. Update on ICLEI GHG Inventory (Community)- a second meeting was had with this group and we are waiting for them to get back to us; the Town Board has approved for them to write up the report for a cost of \$1,500, over the \$5000 fee already approved; this will include all residents and the school district as well; we expect to have a report by July or so.
  7. Second tour scheduled to WinWaste recycling facility - rescheduled for April 21

New Business: Brandy reported on the possibility of town composting and can connect this committee with a few towns that do this already: Mount Kisco and Scarsdale; Somers may have just started as well; and, the school board has started a climate committee and they are looking for volunteers to join that committee from outside the school district.

Next meeting is April 24th. 6:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jocko McKean