

Meeting of the Climate Smart Action Committee
February 26, 2024

Attending in person: Edris Scherer; Janine Kourakos, Jocko McKean, Katherine Daniels, Holly Thomson, Pam Pooley, Rick O'Leary and Nina Eisenman.

Attending via Zoom: Annie Farrell,

The minutes of the November/December meeting were approved.

Report on joint event with Bedford 2030 re: EV Chargers January 17- Janine reported on the recent Zoom meeting where 20 or so people attended; content was outstanding on the subject of EV 101 Charging, range anxiety, etc. There is a link on the website for people to watch on their own! Costs are coming down! Winter usage can be different.

Report on Community Climate Action Plan Cohort 1st meeting- Our committee has joined the Hudson Valley Regional Council who have climate specialists to deliver info on resources and programs; meetings are of interested communities; meeting are 4X yearly; the charge for the next meeting is building and energy, transportation, materials management. A draft will come soon from Katherine and Janine.

- we need to start another section of our committee suggested Katherine-
- this will also help us get to Silver status on the state program

Report on Geothermal at 3 Owens- we have grants to accomplish the geothermal work there; Warren Lucas has contacted a local expert named John Manning to get help in drafting the RFP.

-we are looking at a closed loop system; we have space there for ducting it seems, but we might be better off with the wall mounted units- we will leave this to what the bidders are proposing- once the bid package is ready we will send out the bid.

Geothermal field trip to Mount Kisco site- we could go to see a large house if we can get a group together; John Manning is familiar with the system at PQ Elementary and though there were hiccups, it is still working;

- we should make an inventory of those in town that have
 - solar
 - geothermal (if we can get 10 or more that have this we can open up new grant funding) and we can pull from town records who has permits to install such things

Report on EV charging stations- after much time with the county we learned that we needed to install many chargers to get credit and funding from the county which is not feasible for us at this time. We needed to spend \$20,000 or more to get support.

- would one need a special parking permit to park there?
- what are other towns doing at this point? Maybe ask Bedford 2030.

Resiliency planning volunteers- we need to do this to get more points and to prepare for the future. We will share NYC's plan for us to read; this is part of the larger Town Comprehensive Plan; this has to do with storm water, heat, water, wind, etc that we have to deal with. The town will establish a committee at some point to look into just this and we need to be volunteers on this effort to some degree. This will also encompass a disaster plan; how to protect wells; where are the weak spots; what has been more expensive at this point? Dirt roads, clogged drainage, overflow.

Other Business

-Moon Dance from Bedford 2030 at Outhouse Orchards on May 18th. See save the date from Annie.

-Another event on June 8th is a presentation of Ryder Farm and Annie Farrell presented by Westchester Land Trust.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 25th

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jocko McKean