



**North Salem Climate Smart Community
Leadership Team
MINUTES
October 19, 2021**

Katherine called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2021 was tabled until November meeting because they were not ready.
2. Nina reported on the very successful LED lightbulb swap event. She thanked all of the Team and TB members who helped as well as the representatives from NYSEG (Tom Garrity and Dylan Miyoshi) and Sustainable Westchester (Paul Presendieu) who helped. She also thanked all of the residents who are doing their part to reduce carbon emissions while saving money by replacing their incandescent bulbs.
3. Katherine encouraged everyone to sign up for Community Solar Program. If we can get 10 people to sign up before year end, we will be eligible for another grant. Please call Claire Kokoska at Sustainable Westchester if you have any questions. Katherine is reaching out to houses of worship and other eligible entities to encourage them to join. We will be doing a town-wide e-mailing shortly.
4. Charlotte reported that the Solar Power for Horse Farms will take place on this Saturday, October 23 at Old Salem Farm. The presentation will be made by Anthony Sicari and Rick Irizarry of SunPower by New York State Solar Farm, a vendor recommended by NYSERDA. Light refreshments will be donated by Team members. Katherine encouraged committee members to attend the presentation.
5. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. Buildings: Katherine reported that the paperwork for adoption of NYStretch has been filed. We are now waiting for it to be reviewed and approved. Katherine also reported that the Town Clerk's office has agreed to keep the GHG inventory up to date picking up where Michael Milanes left off to return to school.
 - b. Transportation: Katherine reported that she is working on the transportation section of the Plan and asked for input from committee members.
 - c. Clean Energy: Katherine recapped the concerns raised by Amy Rosmarin in September about the Community Solar initiative off-setting hydro and other clean sources rather than fossil fuel sources. The committee agreed that this is an issue to be aware of and that we should encourage Sustainable Westchester to figure out ways to insure that its solar program is off-setting fossil fuel sources and not

clean sources of electricity.

- d. Land, Air, Water: Janine and Katherine will review Jocko's draft and incorporate it into the master draft.
 - e. Food practices/recycling: Janine and Edris will start drafting.
 - f. Legislation: We will be keeping an eye on the Federal Infrastructure and Build Back Better bills, as well as upcoming COP26 meeting in Scotland.
 - g. Newsletter, Instagram, Facebook pages: Katherine relayed Emily's view that we are not yet generating enough content for Instagram. We should focus on creating a Facebook page and Newsletter.
 - h. NSCSD Climate Smart Task Force: Katherine and Janine have signed up to attend their meetings.
6. Grant Updates: Katherine reported that the first NYSERDA grant has largely been used. \$2,500 was pledged to support an NSOLF initiative and approximately \$1,000 was used to support the LED lightbulb swap, GHG inventory and to purchase/create promotional materials. Katherine will provide exact figures at our next meeting. We can expect to receive an additional \$5,000 for adoption of NYStretch and \$5,000 if 10 people sign up for Community Solar.
7. Katherine reported that she will be attending the Croton Falls Master Plan public meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Croton Falls Firehouse and invited others to attend as well.
8. Katherine reported that a very rough first draft of the Climate Action Plan should be ready for review by the next meeting.