

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 11/20/21

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Colleen Lutz, Derek Porter, Cathy Redlich, Doug Brenner, Susan Arterian and Scott Benedict

Updates

ASHP for Town Hall: Suzan reported that NYSERDA has approved the use of the grant funds for a Bosch ASHP system and electrical upgrades to support it. At its meeting last week, the town board approved two RFPs for the work, pending CSCTF's comments. The RFPs, prepared by the town's engineer, Bob Travis, are for the two Bosch units and for electrical upgrades to support the new system. The RFPs will be ready for publication in about two weeks. If any committee members have comments they will let Suzan know by Wednesday, 11/24. Derek will review the RFPs.

NYSERDA Grant for Community Solar: Colleen will reach out to Jill Henck to find out the status of our grant application (\$5,000).

Composting for Ancram: Following up on the committee's discussion at its last meeting about new ideas, and about earning points for Bronze Climate Smart Certification, Suzan reported that she reached out to Jolene Race, Director of the county's Solid Waste Department. She inquired about Ancram's participation in the department's pilot composting program and learned that is not a possibility. Susan Arterian will look into this and other possibilities for composting in Ancram.

Bronze Climate Smart Certification; Cornell Cooperative Extension: Colleen reported that the town has likely already completed enough actions for bronze certification, to be awarded once the actions are documented with DEC. She has begun the process of submitting the documentation. Kelsey West of CCE has requested funding to help the town with this process.

Cornell Cooperative Extension; Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool

Kelsey West of CCE completed a planning tool and summary which was previously distributed to the committee. Colleen is reviewing the planning steps itemized on the tool and will report on how the town might proceed. The committee will discuss and submit any ideas or recommendations concerning the tool to the board, including those already suggested to the committee by Kelsey.

Possible Funding for New Climate Initiative

Suzan reported that the town board is discussing how to use its cash reserves. Will Maitland Weiss of Ancram, who is participating in these discussions, is organizing a committee to find consensus on how the town should use approximately \$500,000 in reserves. Suzan has agreed to serve on the committee.

CSCTF Post-Holiday Party

The committee will plan a party for a Saturday night in February.

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