

## Notes

### CSCTF Meeting, 9/25/21

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Colleen Lutz, Derek Porter, Jeff Mousseau, Cathy Redlich, Doug Brenner

#### Geothermal HVAC System for Town Hall

Suzan reported that Bob Travis of CPL had identified packaged cold-climate Bosch ASHP units that are much easier to install than the split system units he had previously considered for Town Hall. Boyles Heating and Cooling estimated the cost of two Bosch units at \$33,000. The installation of a new 60kw generator would be required. Ginocchio Electric estimated that cost at about \$32,000 and estimated required electrical upgrades to support the new units at about \$11,700. Suzan will submit a formal request to NYSERDA to use the grant funds for this project once CPL has estimated total costs, including their fees.

#### Cornell Cooperative Extension, CSC Bronze Certification and Potential Future Climate Smart Actions

Suzan and Colleen have been working with Kelsey West of the Cornell Cooperative Extension to achieve bronze level CSC certification for Ancram. Kelsey created a list of all the possible actions that qualify for points and noted whether Ancram had completed or started each action. Colleen reported that Ancram has completed enough CSC Climate Smart Actions to qualify for bronze certification, but needs to document the actions to get credit. Colleen and Suzan have started the documentation process.

The committee discussed additional actions that might be achievable. These included: creating educational signage for the rooftop solar array at town hall; adding information to our webpage at [www.ancramny.org](http://www.ancramny.org); conducting an inventory of the town vehicle fleet; moving to electric vehicles for the town; creating a compost bin distribution program; building shade structures for public spaces; organizing climate related public events; generating more solar arrays in town, possibly including shade structures in the town hall parking lot, with solar panels on top; and energy reduction help for town residents.

#### CSCTF Webpage on ancramny.org

Jeff reported that he is working on the committee's webpage at [www.ancramny.org](http://www.ancramny.org). The layout will be in a blog style, with a focus on committee activities and accomplishments, and with links to resources and additional information. He will see if a link to our webpage can be added to the town's homepage so that our webpage is easier to find.

## Solarize – Solstice

Suzan reported that there are 83 Solstice subscribers in Ancram and that the town has received \$8,300 in incentives. Colleen reported that Solstice has sent emails to subscribers alerted them that the completion of the solar farm that will be used by our subscribers has been delayed. Subscribers will not start receiving solar credits on their utility bills until about February 2022.

## Next Meeting

TBD