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Upcoming Events

Open Mtg, Vote on minutes

- In attendance:
 - CAC: Laurie Husted, Mike Zelig, Jen Cavanaugh, Frances Duncan, Denis Collet, Lori Urbin
 - Liaison: Jacob Testa
 - Guest:
 - Minutes: will approve via email

Laurie moved to open, Lori second. Meeting opened 7:10

What drives us?

- Making the town a better place
- Action
- Contribute to the community
- Climate action
- Energy planning
- Changing the character of local government

Greig Farm - Denis is interested in a collaboration with Greig Farm: composting *and* anaerobic digestion?

Bard professors: physics professor, student interested in biodigestion, Jen Phillips

Denis brought up the economics of liquid fertilizer.

Annual Planning

Calendaring for 2022 - time to sign up to volunteer

Relationship with Key Bank? Often looking to put signage nearby.

One flyer - to Jen, separate posts for each event

- **Earth-ish Day Saturday 4/23 Recycle Yard**
 - Repair Cafe
 - E-waste Day
 - Compost Pilot (more than this day)
- 4/24 Clean Up Day - town hall

Apple Blossom Day 5/7

- Paper Shred Day (Town Hall lot)
- Compost Program Table

Coollest Refrigerant Collection and Gas Removal (May 7 also??): Aim for May.

General

DEC Camp Scholarship(s)

Jen working on trying to get awards event with Masons, if not, just with VFW?

Concern that we aren't reaching people - low applicant count. Ruth Oja applications are in, will vote before next meeting.

RHCSD projects

- Stuck right now, Denis has not met with architect. Pitched to 5 school board members that were at facilities meeting: NYSERDA grants that are available (K-12).
- Denis planning to network with people he knows about how to effectively get this moving (April 24?)
- Jen: they were planning to move straight into design (design to replace units)
- Laurie: We need to think towards getting off fossil fuels, and building audit is easy first step
 - What's the equipment? Laurie will call Scott at facilities and check in about audit, including lighting.
- New York State: all electric buses (2035?)
- This can be an economics issue – saves money, not just climate

- Other entry point: solar going forward, opportunity to celebrate reduced electric bill
 - Ben Hone (NREL?) reached out about solar project, has been regularly meeting with them. Working on telling the story—can it be in the curriculum? Can expand scope to climate in the curriculum. Will attend CAC meeting next month.

Planning Board

- changes to code needed this year – discuss/ rank?
 - Energy Cte: Battery Energy Storage, Solar Updates/Agrivoltaics(?), Stretch Energy Code. how do we help rank and share w/ other committees when there is overlap - Julia/ Jacob question?

Land & Water

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) – meeting Friday

Climate Smart Community/ Energy

Cornell Climate Smart Steward project -refrigerant drive w/ Energy Cte

Revisiting our climate action plan?

Electric mowing grant– haven't heard back yet

Town Hall maintenance: Denis suggests Town maintenance hire for grounds maintenance

Town hall grounds: already mowed electric (John Kuhn); in past have talked about making this a pollinator garden

Pollinator garden: outside fence of solar field, kiosk, Abrahams or Memorial park

Susan Sie from Rhinebeck reached out about where here is suitable – wants to visit sites in next couple weeks

Next village board meeting: designer presenting about plans for those 3 areas

Jen can connect Susan Sie with designer. Jacob also happy to attend a meeting, can reach out to Theresa as well.

Time of year?/Timing?

Transportation

E-bike demo at Bard Tuesday 4/19 11am-1pm / (11-2?)

Save the date: will be a municipal invite, too. Will be at shipping container quad.

May is Bike Month - something with bike to the elementary school?

Bike rodeo - May 21 (confirm date). Police and mayor coordinating resources. Jen will stay in touch, maybe we loop in Bard students (bike coop?).

Materials Management

Support and promote this year's efforts

CLCPA Scoping Plan hearing in Albany tomorrow, 4pm, Empire Plaza

Frances will send commenting template

Jen move to adjourn, Frances second. Meeting closed 8:07pm.