

CAC Agenda / Working Doc / Minutes May 11 2022

In attendance:

- CAC: Steve Appenzeller, Denis Collet, Lori Urbin, Laurie Husted, Frances Duncan, Jen Cavanaugh
- Liaison:
- Guests in attendance: Stellan Marienthall-LeGendre (RHHS Sunrise), Abby Urbin
- Invited Guests: Ben Hoen (n), David Teisler,
- Meeting opened 7:06.
- [Vote on minutes](#) (April 13) Lori motion to approve, Steve second, minutes approved.

Events

Bike Rodeo - info so you can share out*

CLCPA hearings/ public comment sessions**

General

Ruth Oja Scholarship -

CAC has reviewed and voted on winner.

RHCS D projects

- Laurie/ Scott Rajczi (facilities director) conversation “they have done an audit”
 - Denis: give Sunrise, e.g., more leverage in these decisions and how the school should move forward. Sunrise can also hold school/TetraTech accountable to the community request that projects are climate-informed.
 - Stellan has also asked at school board meetings, 3x this winter. No emails in response as promised.
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- Denis / Geo Tech conference
- New York State: all electric buses (2035?)
 - Jen: School presented at last Village Board meeting. Right now, focus is on unleaded buses, some propane buses. EV buses cost 3x more without infrastructure yet, but could be useful for most uses (once required).
 - Steve pointed out that schools are held to state education department.
- Ben Hoen / solar project (invited/ has a conflict)
 - ~1MW system across 3 buildings - one more approval needed and hope to do summer construction. He connected with Brian Boyd about curricular connections including not just the tech part but also climate ‘hope’
 - Ben wants curricular connection within the school district, e.g. a tech class.
 - Jen: Was there a Direct Energy demonstration solar panel? Denis says SunCommon does have a roadshow trailer with solar panels. School solar is Solar Liberty (Buffalo).

Materials Management - *oh what a month!* **

Each needs a “why” - helpful for recording about events, useful for liaison and town board*

- Repair Cafe (Community Ctr) (Steve)
 - Why: to keep things out of the landfill, restore broken items to use, build community
 - People came from as far as Schenectady because of the Hudson Valley website with all repair cafes, most people locally Red Hook/Rhinebeck
 - Would like to have more repair coaches and traffic at next event
 - Biggest challenge: reaching people with local events. The Daily Catch last-minute outreach seemed to work pretty well.
 - Best repair was plugging in an AC unit :)
- E-waste Day (Recycle Ctr) (Laurie)
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- Compost Pilot (Recycle Ctr + Apple Blossom Day) (Lori)
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- Clean Up Day (Town hall meet up) (Jacob)
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- Paper Shred Day (Town Hall lot) (Jen)
 - Supervisor reports it was very popular.
- Coolest Refrigerant Collection and Gas Removal (Recycle Ctr) (Denis)
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***Can we create a [summary](#) for each event/ program and link in these notes

- Why did we host it?
- How did we do it? Include key statistics

Planning Board

Code changes: Battery Energy Storage, Solar Updates/Agrivoltaics, Stretch Energy Code (Items referred to Energy Cte)

Denis: need to understand the intersection between Energy Cte and CAC.

Used to be a task force, now a committee with three overlapping members.

Projects vs. topics: As Energy Committee branches off, CAC: pollinators, water, land

Denis: e.g. current task = promoting heat pumps, research needed.

Climate Action Plan from 2012: 20% GHG reduction by 2020. Did we achieve? We don't know. We need to revisit, refresh the inventory of e.g. how many people are using boilers. Setting new goals.

Laurie: This is an opportunity to gather info we need for two things: Climate Action Plan and for heat pump push. This can be an assignment. Keep eyes out for new Climate Action Plan grant in the meantime, address the pieces now.

Lori: it's also driven by the numbers and interests of the committee.

Denis sees a priority in our community to change local government: proactively getting good things done.

Solar Mapping training

- Did Sam Phelan from PB attend (he was reviewing)?

Land & Water

Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)

- powerpoint available, SKWC, RH town & village in zoom attendance.
- Was an opportunity to talk with school facilities director (Scott): their water source. They have a well at Mill Road, still need a map with points marked.

Water / SKWC

- Frances/ SKWC report out
- Liaison?
- Amphibian migration stats next week, on zoom.

Pollinator possibilities

- Town Hall and/or Bard
 - Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley reviewed sites
 - Town site was disrupted by septic construction, might not set great grant baseline. But regardless of grant - do a native pollinator planting while the space is torn up already.
- Village Pollinator garden update? outside fence of solar field, kiosk, Abrahams or Memorial park
 - Open Space Initiative pollinator pathway through the village, outside the solar farm (SunCommon doesn't allow within), Community Center event to make own garden at home. May 28th.
 - Art Boxes: opportunity for conversation about land practices related to pollinator pathway appropriateness

Climate Smart Community/ Energy

- Cornell Climate Smart Steward project - should hear about electric mow project by end of month.
- refrigerant drive w/ Energy Cte
- Revisiting our climate action plan - keep eyes on grants?
- CLCPA Scoping Plan [hearing](#) (Peekskill 5/12 4-6pm)
- CLCPA comments (Frances docs and CCL & Libraries of Local zoom event Monday 5/16)

CAC unanimously recommended that Town Board pass a resolution in support of CLCPA (from Jen Metzger to Denis to pass on). Was not brought up at last night's Town Board meeting.

Transportation

- E-bike demo at Bard
 - Where does the maintenance fall once bikes and charging infrastructure are here? (To have company operating it does not seem cost-effective). Complete Streets?
- May is Bike Month
 - Village Bike rodeo (Jen)
 - Share Bike Rodeo information. Full event more than drop-in: first test bikes for safety then take on a ride.

It's bike riding season! Red Hook police officers and the Village invite you to celebrate at the Bike Rodeo from 10-1 on Saturday, May 21.

Between 10 am and 12 pm, kids and adults can bring their bikes to the municipal lot for a Spring tune up from bike mechanics volunteering from Hudson Valley Repair Cafe and Red Hook Community Center. Officers will teach kids bicycle safety tips and check helmet fits. Try your new bike safety on a short loop of closed streets near the municipal lot.

Then, between 12 and 1, join the Family Ride that will be a 30-45 minute ride to the RH Rec Park neighborhoods and back.

<https://www.redhookvillage.org/RHPDRodeo>

Jen motion to close, Frances second. Meeting close 8:03.

Stellah: is there a big compiled event calendar? If Stellah had that to share with Sunrise, they would show up. They care about rallying behind a cause. Hands-on work best for this group, more than policy.

**from Frances: Here's a link to the comment template mentioned at last CAC meeting. Thanks to Jen Metzger for many suggestions on areas to comment. [Template here](#) - you can choose a sector, copy bullet points you like, add your own thoughts, and submit them [here](#) (<https://nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/DraftScopingComments>)