

CAC Agenda / Working Doc / Oct 12 2022

In attendance:

- CAC: Frances (officially our new secretary!), Lori, Jen, Denis, Steve, Mike
- Liaison: Jacob
- Guests in attendance: Leah
- Invited Guests? David Teisler
- Meeting opened 7:04
- [Vote on Sept minutes](#) motion to approve, second - approved by email in Sept.

Events

Hardscrabble - thanks to all who helped!

Lucy's roadside booth - "the Energy Coach is in" -

We connected with New Yorkers for Clean Power and advertised their Energy Coaches funded by Catskill Mountainkeeper

Materials Management

Compost - Lori

- Big success! Near end of pilot.
- Lori, Laurie, Frances, and Robert met about next steps: continue, end program and survey, or expand to businesses.
 - Robert bringing topic to Town Board, we will survey Hardscrabble Scrappers by email and composters at Recycling Center, and Lori will look into grants and expanding to businesses this winter.
- Review [survey](#)
 - Steve wonders if it is useful to ask what people are composting through the program.
 - Amelia did not express any concerns with quality of compost. Denis mentioned she has mentioned it freezes in the winter, but still collected.
 - Continuing will keep momentum and certainty for those dropping off.
 - Jen: winter will be most beneficial.
- Monday Oct 17, truck will bring compost to the Recycling Center available for pickup. Lori will be there the first week.
 - Jen says people were excited about the compost at the end.

Repair Cafe Nov 5 (canceled Oct due to not enough coaches)

- A lot of repair cafes are having the same problem - smaller turnout both coaches and attendees
- Challenge is getting the word out. Sent to Daily Catch, Steve will send out graphics, Jen has posted on FB.
- Laurie posted in HVCAN
- Leah reached out to Red Hook Responds
- Suzie Fromer from HV Repair Cafe will be there (head of Repair Cafes)
- Frances can put up update on coaches for website

E-waste -

Planning Board

- Solar arrays for Greig farm

- Bridge between Montgomery Place and Bard. Where is it going?
- Bard solar projects
- Mike and mapping training session - further takeaways? Energy Cte interested in solar mapping - cxns?
 - Mike brought NRI resource mapper handout
 - Hudsonia

Land & Water

- Water / SKWC - is Leah connected to them? Email katykill2@gmail.com (Karen)
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Climate Smart Community/ Energy

- Cornell Climate Smart Steward project/ CEC award: likely award! [electric mower grant](#) implement it for Summer 2023. (unofficial)
- Refrigerant drive w/ Energy Cte
 - Question about how moving forward: initial idea was selling the refrigerant for reclamation, but the purity requirement (99.5%) may be too strict for what we are recovering. If it's not pure enough, they charge to accept.
 - Shift to thinking about our main goal: getting super GHGs out of the system so they don't enter the atmosphere. Will have to mix refrigerants for those that we're seeing less commonly.
 - Will take one tank to reclamation center and it will take some time for them to let us know the purity.
 - Recycling Center has had \$15 fee. Robert would like to not charge to encourage people to do the right thing.
 - Denis still thinks an optional donation could make sense. Lori points out the consistency in how Red Hook manages waste: town covers it because it helps people do the right thing. Jen agrees with Denis on the recommended contribution, pay if you can, but it needs to be simple for TJ too.
 - No refrigerators anymore
 - Jacob asked if we have a sense of how many people are taking advantage of the program. Recovered from ~70 appliances so far, but a lot of those were piled up.
- Denis - interest in agrivoltaics, has been working on solar mapping tool / training. Thinking about how to adjust efforts to account for advances in technology.
 - Denis thinking about how there's movement towards agrivoltaics and combining solar siting with active farm fields
 - Red Hook's current zoning law is concerned with prime soils, agricultural soils, which would prevent solar siting on prime agricultural soil
 - Scenic Hudson's tool identifies suitable parcels, but conservation easements (state, Scenic Hudson) prevent farmers from putting solar on their fields.
 - For those without easements, we need to recraft the local law to support agrivoltaics...some plants thrive in the shade, grazing underneath as long as wind shear concerns addressed. Migliorelli interest, but easement prevents it.
- Action step: a team needs to have a conversation with Scenic Hudson, meet with lawyer.
 - Denis get in touch with Julia Solomon?

Transportation

Julia said a cte is forming?

- To revisit next meeting

Website/ Communications

Update about oil-based paint - add link (<https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites/>)

- Minutes up on website.
- Audubon Sustainable Communities October 20th (next Thursday)

Training

Mapping tool opportunity with Cornell Cooperative Dutchess County for Local Conservation Planning: September 10, 9am-12pm - Mike attended and shared links.

Mapping tools mentioned:

- Hudson Valley Natural Resource Mapper: <https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/hvnm/>
- Hudsonia/Marist College Dutchess County Habitat Mapper: <https://marist.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=681ae8ef2a4645a4a6d3a34d351c4151>
- Hudsonia Habitat Mapping Homepage: <https://hudsonia.org/programs/biodiversity-resources-center/habitat-mapping/>
- Dutchess County ParcelAccess: https://gis.dutchessny.gov/parcelaccess/parcelaccess_map.htm
- Dutchess County AerialAccess: <https://gis.dutchessny.gov/aerialaccess/>
- Dutchess County GIS Homepage: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/County-Government/Geographic-Information-Systems-and-Mapping.htm>
- USDA Web Soil Survey: <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

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Mike motion to close Jen second. Meeting close 7:58