

Climate Smart Communities Minutes Nov 1, 2023- 6:30pm at Town Hall

Present: Bob Gilson, Frieda Pearce, Steve Powers, Bruce Shenker, Cathy Wilkerson

Absent: Julie Faad, Adelia Moore, Elizabeth Poreba

After approval of the minutes, Steve gave an updates:

So far, we have located only one New Lebanon resident who has bought an EV and we need 5 for the **EV Campaign**.-

942 lbs of batteries have been saved from the landfill in the **Battery recycling program**, with boxes in 6 locations.

The Town's **Comprehensive Plan Update** includes expectations for the CSC to develop a plan-for alternative methods of transportation and routes to promote multi-modal transportation throughout Town, with a focus on the old railroad bed. A meeting will be held for the CSC to develop a Walkable Downtown plan by Nov. 28.

Michelle Parks of Cornell is assisting with the 2023 Road to Silver that needs to be submitted by Jan 5, 2024.

The **Water Tank grant** for LVPA is in progress

So far, Julie has brought 44lbs of plastic film to Chatham for the **Plastic recycling-program**.

Application for a grant for more heat pumps for Town Hall is being filed with the **Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley Building Decarbonization Grant Program**-

The **Bike Repair Program** has refurbished or repaired 180 bikes to date; volunteers are working on requests for many families.

Cathy reported that collecting Maverick's coffee grounds and egg shells for **composting** is running smoothly, and she is working on adding a bucket for residents to leave kitchen scraps, which she will bring to Chatham for the County composter.

Peg reported via Steve that **well water** testing is in progress.

Liz reported via Steve that attendance at the **Free Store** is picking up and donations are pouring in.

Adelia reported that the October 23 **Repair Café** was very well attended, with over a 100 tickets for repair submitted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23

Next meeting date – Dec 6

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Poreba