

**Climate Smart Communities Task Force Meeting  
February 7, 2024, 5PM New Lebanon Town Hall**

Attendance: Steve Powers, Cathy Wilkerson, Bruce Shenker, Julie Fraad

**Minutes** were not approved because of the absence of a quorum

Steve's update:

**EV Campaign-** with Cathy's hybrid purchase, we have 6. The paperwork is to be submitted.

**Battery recycling program** -the 6 boxes throughout town have produced 1000 pounds of batteries for recycling

**Walkable downtown-** the final application was submitted on Jan 9

**Road to Silver Update-** the final documents were filed Jan 5th. We will be notified Feb 23

**CEC status-** Our achievement of Silver certification will yield 6600 points, which will qualify us for CEC grants, for which we must apply by October. The upcoming Energy Audit of the town garage will provide the necessary points

**LVPA water tank and generator** grant is in progress

**Plastic film recycling-** 305 pounds have been collected. Julia is going to take more to Chatham this week, and then Bruce will take more the following week.

**Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley Building Decarbonization**

**Grant Program-** We are waiting for results of an application for installation of additional heat pumps in Town Hall

**The County Hazard Mitigation Plan** is to begin with a survey, which must be completed by March 8 with the whole plan completed by the end of the year. The problem is that it is similar to the Cornell survey the Town administered about 6 months ago.(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVRWV2C>).

**The Great Barn's partial collapse** is now a hazard. Jeff will assess the damage and determine what work the Museum needs to do to protect the public.

**Size of CSC** Since two members have dropped out, the suggestion to reduce the size of the CSC from its current number of 12 was discussed. It was decided to ask the Town Board to reduce membership to 10

**Cornell student Michelle Parks' stipend** for her work on Silver Certification is to be increased by \$330 for her additional hours

**Earth Day clean up** will be discussed at the next meeting

**Bike Program** 200 bikes refurbished or repaired to date; 49 bikes given out last year. In a discussion about what to do with the 70 bikes remaining, Cathy said she would attempt to contact the refugee center in Albany. This year's **Bike Tune Up Day** date is to be determined.

Frieda's Zoom presentation on **energy efficiency appliances** on January 6 was attended by two people

Frieda and Cathy are rethinking plans to do a **native plant** presentation at the library and may opt for creating a garden of native plants.

**Well water** will be the topic of a CAC presentation at the library on Feb. 10 with attendance by Department of Health staff.

**Composting** continues at Maverick's. In addition, a bucket is now available at the recycling center on Wednesdays and Saturdays for kitchen scraps.

**Repair Café**- the next Repair Café will take place at the Spencertown Town Hall on April 13.

Adelia and Frieda are investigating the feasibility of a **Bring Your Own** container campaign at local restaurants.

**The Free Store** is being visited by many more people in its new location in the Community Center; about 50 over last weekend. When she is there on Wednesdays and Sundays, Alissa Ross is keeping a tally of attendance.

**Shaker Swamp** now appears to have Didi Barrett's interest and possibly support. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49.

**Next meeting March 6 at 5PM.**