

September 28, 2023 ECC Meeting

Attendees:

Tom Konrad, ECC chair
Siddhartha Lama, ECC Member
Alan Newman, ECC Member
Stu Leigh, Resident
Wendy Saul, Resident
Lisa Giannico, ECC Member
Laura Anker, ECC member
Alyssa Rivera, SHV

Minutes

August minutes approved

Sustainable Hudson Valley Update

According to DMV data, there are 47 EV's in Stone Ridge and 28 in High Falls. Future project is to count the number of heat pump adoptions.

Clean Energy Community Campaign

NYSERDA is supporting the clean energy campaign with funds to Towns that have scoping documents and meet certain targets. For Marbletown, the Town can receive \$5000 if we can find data on 5 heat pump installs between August 18, 2021 through June 1, 2023. There are also 2 new levels of grants. We can apply for another \$10K if we report 10 installs after June 1st, and \$20K on top of that for the next 15 installs.

Tom is now preparing scoping docs for solar and EV's now. Need to alert people who buy EV's and plug-in hybrids. However, the count for these purchases or installs will only start after the scoping documents are accepted by NYSERDA.

The potential grants from community solar and EV campaigns are:

Number EV purchases	Grant	Number comm solar signups	Grant
5	\$5,000	10	\$5,000
15 (20 total)	\$7,500	+50	\$10,000
50 (70 total)	\$15,000	+100	\$20,000

We need Address, Vendor, and date information to report each install/purchase/signup.

New Year's pledge campaign to start in January.

Partners for Climate Action

Thanks to a new granting opportunity, we can get up to \$100,000 to decarbonize the Marbletown Community Center. First step is to contact Judith Karpova about energy analysis. The ECC voted to recommend to the Town Board that they authorize spending some of the \$5000 for the energy analysis.

Also suggested we write a grant to get a flex tech contractor to study the water district to look at increased electrical usage in the winter.

Lower Esopus

Riverkeepers' data says that the E. coli water quality in the lower Esopus has deteriorated since 2016. The data divides the Creek into 3 reaches: Ashokan to Tongore, Tongore to Kingston, Kingston to Saugerties.

Natural Resource Inventory Map

At the recent roundtable for ECC's, Lisa and Alan learned of a new mapping tool developed by the Ulster Co. DEC. Decided to invite Ben Ganon to make a presentation at the next ECC meeting.

Rondout Valley High School

Environmental Club is meeting. Start up waste monitoring is happening again. To build membership in the Environmental Club the group is preparing for club fair at the school. Need help with grant writing for larger bins, utensil, trays and commercial dishwasher. Register for the Envirothon.

Events

"What Energy Coaching Has Taught Me About Green Investing" with Tom Konrad.

September 20, 6-8 pm at New Yorkers for Clean Power storefront in Kingston and online

Third Thursday: Wallkill Valley Land Trust at 6:30 pm on October 19.

Adjourn: 7:23 pm

