

February 29, 2024 ECC minutes

Attending: Tom Konrad, Laura Anker in person. Nikita Oracea, Siddartha via Zoom.  
Members of the Public: Dave Allen Marbletown CEO, Jennifer O'Donnell (Co-Owner-  
Stone Dock Golf Course), Carol Field (Resident), Melissa Everett via Zoom.

With only two ECC members present in person, we did not have a quorum, and so did not take any votes. Approval of the January Minutes was deferred until the March meeting.

1. Vial of Life: Dave Allen made a presentation about this program: [www.vialoflife.com](http://www.vialoflife.com)
2. Disadvantaged Community (DAC) status and the map: Parts of Rosendale are included. See image below and look at the site to learn more: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/ny/Disadvantaged-Communities>. The Marbletown/Rosendale Town Hall (RMC) is in a disadvantaged area. When spending CEC grants, grants spent in a DAC get a 50% bonus (i.e. a \$100K grant becomes \$150K.) One option would be solar at the RMC, but we lack information about the roof structure. The NYS Ed Dept may be a resource for finding the construction documents for this building. Jennifer will contact their facilities department about this.
3. Geothermal at Stone Dock: Jennifer summarized our interest in building a thermal energy network that would encompass the homes and buildings on Stone Dock Road with a contribution from the ECC of a \$5K NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities incentive. We will report back about our efforts to get a reasonable bid on a feasibility study at a future meeting.
4. We discussed the study about the leaks in the Catskill aqueduct. More information here: [https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2022/1119/ofr20221119\\_pamphlet.pdf](https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2022/1119/ofr20221119_pamphlet.pdf)
5. Ideas for the use of funds:
  1. EV chargers at MCC, Town Park, High Meadow, SR Library, HF Food Coop
  2. Solar at RMC (DAC bonus), MFAU, HFWD, and/or fire depts.
  3. New Highway Dept (bonus if at RMC)
  4. Comm Center upgrades
  5. Building upgrades to HFWD (need study). Insulation, geothermal.
  6. Electric tools for Highway dept, Parks, and/or fire depts