

**ECC and CSTF Minutes
August 12, 2020**

Members attending: Iris Marie Bloom, Doug Adams, Alan Newman, Tom Konrad- Chair.
Eric Stewart- Town Board Liaison. Daisy Foote- Town Board member.
James Hoover - Resident
Melissa Everett, Dave Conover - Sustainable Hudson Valley.

Resolution for Board to adopt Marbletown 100% energy renewable action plan. Hoped for a vote of support at the August 18 meeting. Tom agreed to create a bullet point resolution. It was proposed to also prepare a press release on the action plan and on the group purchase plan. Eric and Melissa to work with Tom on Resolution and PR; Iris will help edit/send PR.

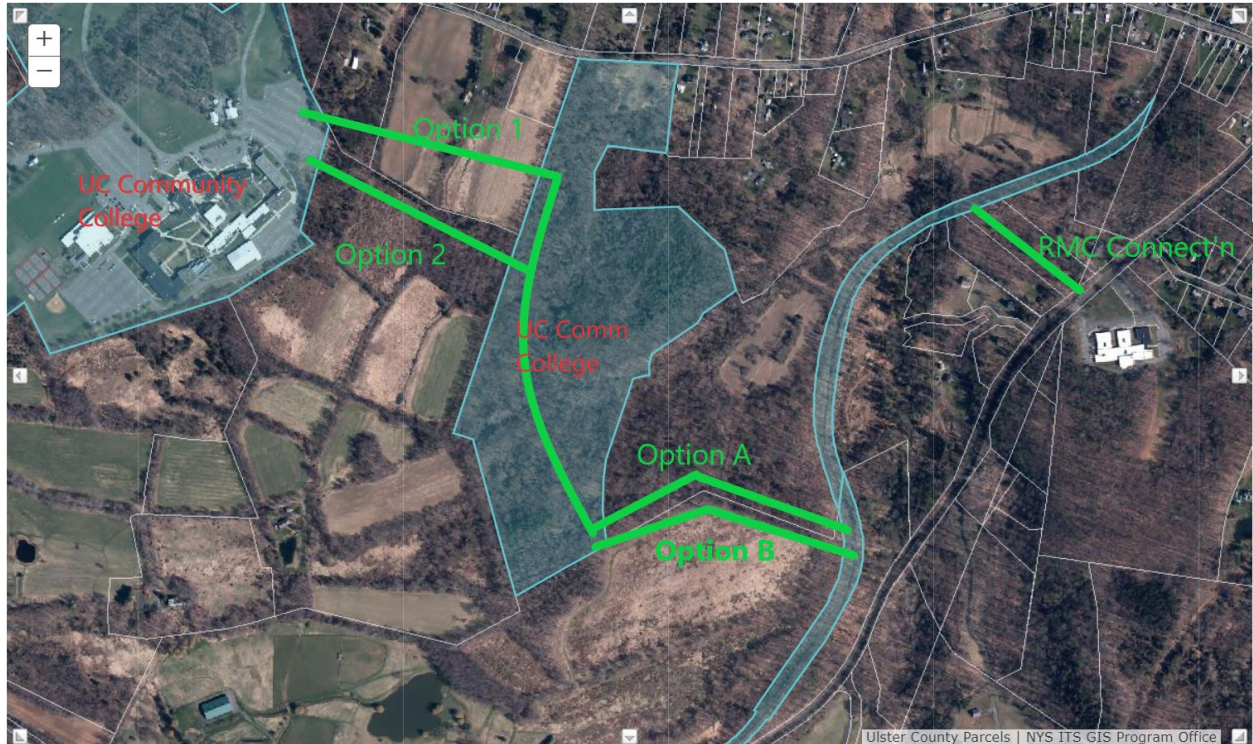
Iris suggested a second, separate press release for the group purchase plan, so people see it more than once and it gets its own headline; increased exposure will increase participation.

Melissa says that the new web page will be ready to review this week.

Group purchase is underway. There will also be two initiatives, with the help of NYSEDA. A social media campaign to the residents of Dutchess and Ulster Counties about the group purchase opportunity. Also sending out a mailer to Dutchess and Ulster Counties. Deadline to sign up is September 8, but Melissa said that the deadline would probably extend into October. So far, 16 to 17 individuals have signed up for the Group Purchase. Most are signing up for hot water and/or air source thermal. Setting up some videos to go up on the website. Flyers are also going up and being put into packets for new arrivals into the area. Some outreach is planned for farmer's markets. It was also hoped that building departments and builders could be informed.

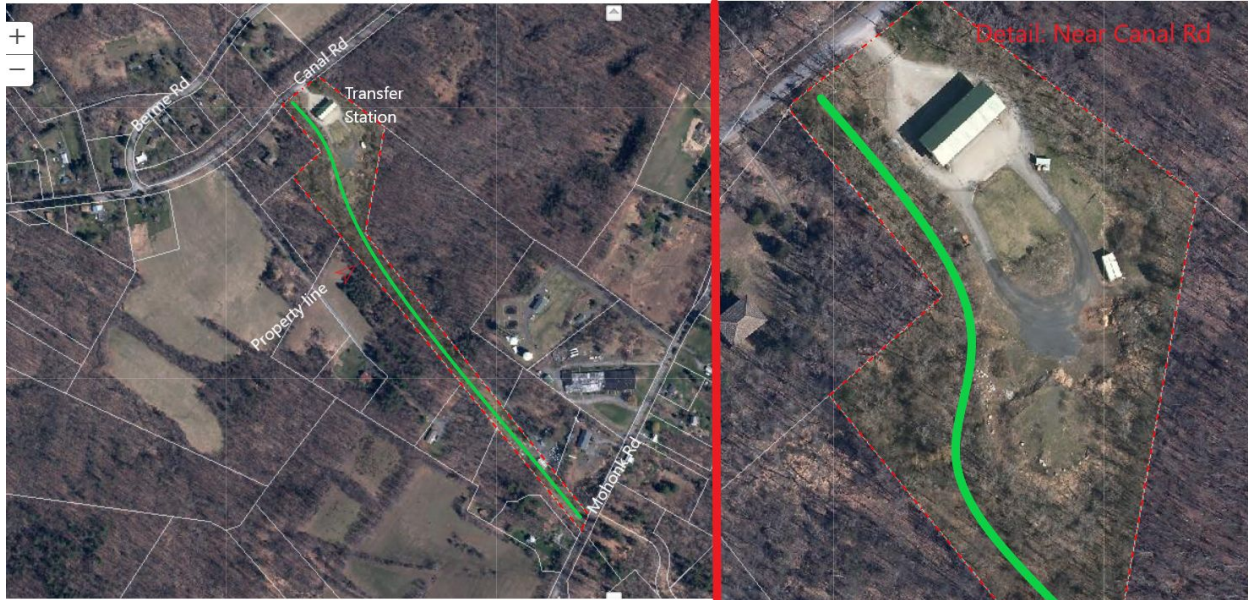
Stretch code. Daisy is working on getting STRETCH code passed by the Board, but it is slow going. Stretch code could be a selling point for this area. Tom suggested a public meeting on the STRETCH code with the builders. Educational forum online on STRETCH code. Cost is about \$2000 more for construction, but the long-term savings are huge. There is some confusion about the code's requirements. For example, some believe that a specialist inspector is required, but there are multiple ways to comply, and the town inspector is sufficient if using the checklist method. It was suggested that an educational forum on the Stretch code be organized. **The ECC voted a resolution for the board to have a presentation by Mike DeWein on the STRETCH code, which also could also be an educational forum.**

Rail trail connector from UCC to rail trail. Tom presented a map that shows that the connector will require permission from 2 to 3 land owners, depending on route, and the UCC (through land it hasn't developed). There is also a route for a connection to the Rondout municipal center to the rail trail. An additional High Falls connector would go through land owned by the Marbletown past transfer station and should be easier to implement.



Map showing which landowners would need to give easements in order to connect the UCC Campus to the rail trail. The landowners on either option 1 or 2 AND those on option A or B. The RMC connection shown goes through a parcel owned by an investor. the Town is trying to contact that investor about a possible easement.

Tom also used the parcel viewer to show a way that the Town could connect Canal Rd in High Falls to Mohonk road though the Town-owned transfer station property. Trail could connect entirely through the Town-owned transfer station property, bypassing Transfer station operations and old landfill by staying on the west side of the property near Canal Rd, while making use of a private road used by Johnny On The Spot as a driveway. Johnny on the Spot should be highly motivated to cooperate with the Town on this because they own a building which is located on Town property.



Webinar on why beekeepers and farmers should like solar farms. Slated for August 20 at 12.

Visit to a working solar farm. Eric is going to find a contact for up and running solar farm in Rochester.

Historic preservation commission should get together with ECC to look at issues of historic districts and energy conservation. Kripplebush solar farm is next to a historic district. Tom will contact New Beginnings.

Meeting ended at 8:36 pm.