

ECC and CSCTF Minutes 29 August 2019

ECC Members Attending:

- Amy Moses
- Emma Markle
- Iris Bloom
- Doug Adams
- Tom Konrad (Chair)
- Jason Zimmerman (CSC Coordinator, via Zoom)

Guests:

- Jim Hoover
- Toni Brink
- Nick Brink

Approval of minutes April, May and February unanimous

I. Energy, Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763 2019)

- CBO has not scored the bill as yet even though it is supposed to be revenue neutral.
- Tom believes this bill will have the lowest possible economic impact for any given carbon reduction according to economic theory because it is designed to use market forces to reduce carbon.
- ECC Endorsing bill. Passed four (Iris, Amy Emma, Tom) to zero, one abstention (Doug, concern over lack of CBO rating and economic impact).
- Passed to send to the Town Board to endorse, 3 (Irisw, Amy, Emma)-0, two abstentions (Tom, citing concern of possible resolution fatigue on Town Board, and Doug, as above).

II. Climate Smart Certification

- Greenhouse inventory for Marbletown done by Jason.
 - Climate action report—dealing with the emission by the Town. Sent around but has not been discussed by the group. 2050—100% zero emissions for Marbletown government—renewable energy
 - Good deal of pushback on the conservative nature of the goals. Task force will address more aggressive goals ongoing as technology avails
 - The highway department is the biggest drain in zero emissions due to the technology that doesn't really exist as yet. About 60% of emissions comes from highway department.

- Taskforce—documentation of meeting attendance—by the end of the year submission or possible to lose points.
- When we achieve CSC certification, this will help the town win state grants.

III. Student outreach

- Plastic at the school—cutlery is still plastic. Sending people to talk about plastic, informational talk for kids. Get the school to swap out plastic for stainless steel (dishwashing machines at Rondout?)
- Recycling markets have tanked.

IV. Updates on Current Projects

- Hudson Valley Community Power CCA and can also do NexAmp. Letters from the town on CCA not confirmed
- Unsure if informational meeting on CCA is still happening on 5 September

V. Marbletown Green Award

- Given out but upstaged by Pat Ryan who attracted a lot of people who pretty much left by the time the Green Award was done

VI. 2020 Budget Proposal

- Requesting \$10K for 2020 fiscal year
- \$1000 food and advertising for educational/outreach events.
- \$500 Continuing education for ECC members [conference fees, etc.]
- \$4500 consultants to help with CSC certification, grant writing.
- \$4000 Hardware and installation for EV charging station(s) in High Falls and/or matching funds for potential grants.

ECC Voted unanimously to submit this budget request.

VII. Community Center

- Thursday 5th September meeting on the energy retrofit at the CC. The total budget for the CC—about \$150K including the grant money.
 - Scott Davis report, there is a lot of capital outlays the town is facing. Highway Department garage is the biggest issue facing the town at this moment in time.
 - Solar at the CC is likely not going to happen. Total demand would be right for 25Kw array—which is under the radar for the planning board. PPAs don't want to do entities such as municipalities—unless it is a 1 meg or bigger.

VIII. New Business

- NP Climate Action—honey I shrunk the lawn at SUNY. Tuesday, 3 Sept 6-8 at the Atrium (student center)
 - Iris proposed that Marbletown ECC host a similar event to promote pollinators and to reduce mowing. General agreement ensued, with a sense it may be best to hold the event in the Spring. The Permaculture Meetup will promote, publicize and if on their regular meeting night, co-host.
- Climate Solutions Summit on the 21st SUNY. EV Parade afterward
- 7 October Permaculture meeting, Tom Konrad speaking on community solar