

August 1, 2022 ECC meeting

Attending:

Tom Konrad, ECC chair
Alan Newman, ECC member
Lisa Giannco, ECC member
Siddhartha Lama, ECC member
Laura Anker, resident
Doug Adams, ECC member
Ben Eckstein, SHV
Melissa Everett, SHV
Isabel Willson, SHV
Daisy Foote, Town Board Member
Paris Martin, resident

Approval of July minutes postponed

Future meetings:

August 30, Sept 29, Oct 31, Nov 29 (Reserve M1). All at 5:30 pm. In person and on Zoom.

100% Renewable Planning Campaign

Now called *Make Your Renewable Energy Plan*. Making it easier to create a plan. Guides for each element of the 10 steps. Also feeds into an energy coach. Tom asked for feedback on the current version of the plan. By next meeting hope to have a finalized version on the website. Plan to have a letter-to-the editor campaign and notices on Instagram, Facebook.

Sept 17, 19, 21, 22, 24: Climate Solutions Week.

Details on SHV website. <https://www.hvclimatesolutionsweek.org/>

Group Purchase

Ending and re-launching. Put back in energy audits, community solar, and geothermal. RFP is out for companies.

Building permit costs for heat pumps vs AC

Still need to write a flyer describing the extra building permit cost for AC . The flyer will help the buildings department to extra costs associated for anything that isn't a cold climate heat pump or geothermal.

Ulster Co Green Business Challenge

SHV program is moving forward.

Geothermal network for Stone Ridge/Ulster

Grant for scoping study: \$10,500. Geothermal company says that they can lay pipes before the system is ready to go. Issue because water lines may be ready to go before geothermal. To

apply need 10 buildings in the area. NYSEERDA requirement of 10 buildings for the grant for the scoping . Egg Geothermal is the company of choice. 3 to 6 inch pipe for the water lines.

USDA will give a loan for the water district. Could be ready to go in 2 years.

NY Forward has revitalization grants of \$2 to 4 million for rural areas. Could

Land Use Leadership Alliance

Looking for a limited number of applicants, especially from those in a leadership position.

Dates: Sep 20, Oct 20, Nov 20.

ECC Website

Lisa is working on the redesign and asks for comments.

Third Thursday

Next event will focus on the Ulster County Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act. August 18 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Ulster Co. Municipal Environment & Climate Committee Roundtable

Aug 29. 5-8 pm. Needs a sign up to attend. Location is Rosendale.

Adjourn 7:09 pm

