

## **August 30, 2022 ECC meeting**

### **Attending:**

Tom Konrad, ECC chair  
Alan Newman, ECC member  
Lisa Giannco, ECC member  
Siddhartha Lama, ECC member  
Laura Anker, resident  
Ben Eckstein, SHV  
Daisy Foote, Town Board Member

Approval of Aug 1 minutes

### **100% Renewable Planning Campaign**

Now called *Make Your 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

### **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. NYSERDA 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**

