

July 11, 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

June minutes approved

Next meetings: First Monday,
Aug 1. 5:30 pm & Aug 30. (Reserve M1)

Pledge (now plan) campaign

Lisa, Ben and Tom working on the campaign. Gathering feedback from SHV interns. The current plan is now an online Google form with questions. Ben is working on the look of the webpage for the online form. For anyone looking at the plan, there are 3 options—need help, I have a plan. and I have taken action. The site is linking with NY Clean Power to provide user help. Glossary of terms is another new addition.

Group purchase final push

Ben is now following up now with Group Purchase participants. Melissa going back through Marbletown projects to see how they got where they are as a model to other towns.

As a side issue, they find that free energy audits are very “cookie cutter” and not always helpful.

Melissa is looking at Program in New Haven, CT: I heart my home. They do a lot of work online; very concierge. Tom should talk to them.

Send them to NY Clean power sign up page. (find it at bottom of Tom email)

Ulster Co Green Biz

Business Champions is a hierarchy that SHV is working on, They hope to create a cadre of around 100 businesses and organizations that help businesses go green or are green, which the County wants to promote. SHV is having a picnic to promote Green Businesses on July 20 at Sun Center.

They are also looking for people for the Ulster Co Fair Climate Smart Booth (Aug 2-4): Melissa says that it is slow.

Geothermal network for Stone Ridge

Tom is promoting a new idea of having the homes slated for the new water district also on a geothermal loop. The loop can heat and cool at the same time. The loop will be installed at the same time as the new water district; use the trenches dug for water for geothermal as well. Next step is to get a feasibility study. Upcoming phone call to discuss the idea. Daisy and Rich are enthusiastic about the idea. SUNY Ulster is interested. Every home would need a geothermal heat pump installed. TBD. Water is at 50 degrees. The idea would involve Central Hudson.

Food Cycle Science

Provide composting services. Thursday call with Tom.

Opt-out solar

Public service commission has put a hold on it . Columbia is the solar vendor and was chosen by Jewel; RFP signed a contract. Marbletown got a good deal. Different than community solar—local solar farm sells to Central Hudson.

Heat Pump Law

Raise fees on AC installs building fees by \$200 if not heat pump. Board is open to talking about it. Tom will ask Melissa to prepare a handout; Lisa and Laura will help.

Marbletown Transfer Tax

Board passed a 1% tax on the sale price of new homes minus the median price of homes in Marbletown, which is \$320,000.

Marbletown Light Up

Sid to help decorate trailer for the holiday event

Third Thursday

Alan announced that the first online Third Thursday Series will be July 21 and feature a talk by Prof. Kara Belinsky from SUNY-New Paltz.

Rondout Valley High School Composting

Siddhartha reported that they are hoping to establish an on-site composting site within 2 years.

Adjourn 7:13 pm

