

September 29, 2022 ECC meeting

Attending:

Tom Konrad, ECC chair
Alan Newman, ECC member
Lisa Giannco, ECC member
Siddhartha Lama, ECC member
Ben Eckstein, SHV
Daisy Foote, Town Board Member
Doug Adams, ECC member
Stuart Leigh, Resident
Jill Obrig, Resident
Laura Anker, Resident

Approval of Aug 30 minutes

Make Your Energy Plan

A few people are taking the plan. Look at the surveys online and make suggestions for improvements.

Group Purchase

Finalizing the program; will go up on the website tomorrow. Group purchase companies: Hot Water Solutions (ducted and ductless); Dr. Energy Saver (energy audit); [Greenpath Consultants](#). Sending out a press release tomorrow.

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Update on geothermal network

Extended the program to High Falls. SUNY-New Paltz wants to participate. Need 10 High Falls residents to commit to the project. Tom to create talking points for geothermal. Rosendale endorsed the scoping study to include the High Falls area that falls in the Rosendale Township.

Heat pump resolution flyer

The buildings department prefers to call it an incentive. Not common to install AC rather than heat pump these days.

IRA (Investment Reduction Act)

Rosendale ECC is interested in a solar PV installation at the Town Hall, thanks to the economics changing. Nonprofits and municipalities can now take advantage of the 30% investment tax credit for solar. Might be worth trying to organize a group purchase for solar on a number of buildings for groups that were interested in the past but could not make the economics work.

Web

Lisa has received some updates and is improving the ECC website.

Water

Stuart Leigh is monitoring the Ashokan Release Working Group activities. Currently, there is countywide mapping up culverts, prioritizing the lower 4 towns along the Esopus Creek. Stuart Leigh to draft a letter to Ben Ganon with Ulster County Dept of Environment on Marbletown's commitment to looking at culverts. The County has hired a consultant discuss with communities how to spend the approximately \$2 million commitment to the lower Esopus area.

Rondout Valley High School

Sid reported that the school had started environmental club meetings; trying to get more members than the current three. Looking into a waste audit on the cafeteria, as a first step to composting and waste reduction.

Collaboration with Rosendale

Interested in helping with an all-electric entry in "Light up Marbletown" and in Rosendale's Christmas parade and the SHV group purchase program, as well as the scoping study for geothermal.

Announcements

Oct 6: Association of ECC's NYSACC.net details on conference next week. Theme: environmental bond act.

Third Thursday Series on October 20: Placemaking Strategies for Homegrown Climate Change Resilience.

New ECC member

Laura Anker unanimously recommended to the Town Board to join the ECC.

Adjourn: 7:06 pm

