

October 31, 2022 ECC meeting

Attending:

Tom Konrad, ECC chair
Alan Newman, ECC member
Stuart Leigh, Resident
Lisa Giannco, ECC member
Laura Anker, Resident
Nikita Oarcea, Resident
Ben Eckstein, SHV

Approval of September minutes, pending corrections.

Water Update

DEP announced an update to the interim Environmental Impact Statement. Towns have asked for an extended comment period to January 17. Ashokan Release Working Group has a special meeting on November 16 to discuss a response. They want to make towns responsible for making requests for releases.

Make Your Energy Plan (Your renewable energy plan)

One person has worked through the plan. Working on how it will look on the website. 3 step process. Step 1: Take the quiz; Step 2: Coach/make your plan; Step 3: sign up to group purchase.

On the website: Add instructions and notes on what systems to go to in the future.

Make the plan a PDF form. Planning to put out flyers announcing the program at locations around Marbletown.

Lisa suggested sending out a flyer or postcard announcing the program; maybe, an ad in BlueStone Press coupled with article.

Target an ad in January. Separate meeting with Lisa, Tom, and Ben on this topic.

Update on geothermal network

NYSERDA changed program for a 50:50 match on scoping study, which is too much for the Town. SUNY Ulster may still do it.

Heat pump resolution flyer

Still to be prepared.

IRA

Towns and nonprofits can do a solar install with a 30% credit. Possibly nonprofits could get together to purchase solar installs and get even better deals; probably should be a county-wide effort. Could put out a RFP.

Web

EV charger video is now onsite.

Rondout Valley High School

The environmental club has increased membership and the number of participating teachers. Now doing data collection on cafeteria food waste. Superintendent interested in onsite composting; working with Mana Jo Green. Working on a waste audit in the cafeteria: Compostable, recyclables, food waste, etc. Next week there is a meeting with Principal. ECC will help with the waste audit.

Recycling

Transfer station is charging extra for composting; should it be free and part of the annual fee? Lisa to contact Daisy. Also, single hauler? Laura: Will look at New Paltz single hauler law and reasoning.

Light up Marbletown

Tom's car with an EGO charger. Considering both the Marbletown and Rosendale parades.

Announcements

Third Thursday Series on November 17: *Pollinators and their Native Plants*.

New ECC member

Unanimously recommended Nikita Oarcea to the Town Board.

Adjourn: 7:43 pm

