

## **December 9, 2022 ECC meeting**

### **Attending:**

Tom Konrad, ECC chair  
Alan Newman, ECC member  
Stuart Leigh, Resident  
Laura Anker, ECC member  
Nikita Oarcea, ECC member  
Siddhartha Lama, Student Member  
Doug Adams, ECC member  
Jeff Domanski, Hudson Valley Community Power

Approval of October minutes.

### **CCA Update**

Group purchasing for green energy. Joule/Hudson Valley Community Power are working on a new CCA contract. Can't replace Central Hudson, but they are looking for a new renewable energy provider. According to Jeff Domanski, they hope to include wind energy in the mix; plus there are more solar farms coming online. Joule provides vetting. One problem is that electric rates have been erratic. Columbia, the previous renewable energy supplier, has gotten out of the contract and is not welcomed by NY regulator. It looks promising for a new CCA after the winter. New model would be an index rate. HVCP will host an event in the future. Joule wants an opt out model. Potentially quarterly adjustments to the rate. This should give energy providers enough certainty that they can adjust to changing market conditions so that they will participate in the RFP, while still giving customers some protection from price spikes and overall lower prices due to competitive bidding.

Status of opt out community solar in the state: Still up in the air. Program could be up and running in April, 2023. RFP for new CCA is going out in February.

### **Make Your Energy Plan (Your renewable energy plan)**

Nothing new.

### **Group purchase**

Maybe a few more. Getting closer to 5 and a \$5,000 grant.

### **Heat Pump flyer**

Outreach: Doing a mailing? \$500 in the ECC budget. Mailing to promote a group purchase and a February online and in person workshop. ECC voted for \$350 for mailing.

### **Light up Marbletown Parade**

Rondout Valley HS ecology club will decorate the trailer. The trailer will have the ECC sign and ecology club sign. Lisa is supplying a battery inverter for a plug-in stereo and lights. ECC voted to give RVHS ecology club up to \$150 for sign and candy. [Update: the money was not spent.]

Deleted: inverter

**RVHS update**

District got \$9.3 million for up to 25 electric buses and a charging station. RVHS Environmental Club is growing with 4 student members, 2 teachers, and Lisa. They have started writing the waste assessment. Meeting with the principal next Wednesday. Start waste assessment right before winter break; may need volunteers.

**Schedule for next year: start at 6 pm**

January 26:

March 1:

March 29:

April 27:

**Adjourn: 7:42 pm**

