

**Attendees:**

Tom Konrad, ECC chair  
Siddhartha Lama, ECC Member  
Alan Newman, ECC Member  
Doug Adams, ECC Member  
Lisa Giannacio, ECC member  
Laura Anker, ECC member  
Melissa Everett, SHV  
Nikita Oarcea

**October minutes approved****Action Grants**

We can use data from the state car registration to track the number of EV's.

How to spend the grant money? Best ideas that can reduce carbon in Marbletown: 1. Monies to upgrade for MCC; 2. EV chargers at new park; 3. Study for energy efficiency for water district; 4. EV chargers at Tongore Park; 5. EV chargers at Grady Park; 7. electrical equipment for highway dept.

Top 3 idea: Monies to upgrade MCC, Tongore Park EV chargers, Highway Department. The choice will be determined by an email to our list to vote on choices and a letter to editor.

**SHV**

January 25: Energy Expo at Chronogram Bldg. 5:30-7:30 pm. Presentations and tables.

**Lisa's report on the EMC**

Opening topic of this meeting is 'media' with two publications present. Guests discussed how environmental news/issues are covered in their publications, how misinformation is addressed, followed by questions from members.

*Ivan Laira, Senior Editor for the Daily Freeman:* Areas covered, no dedicated environmental reporter but cover env. Issues as they relate to the areas they cover and the local reactions, often through Letters to the Editor. Effort to ensure no misinformation is printed (ex. Climate Change). Local coverage (ex. Landfill closing and new site established reporting on town reaction). Always try to not have a bias. Write a 'truth sandwich' to bookend misinformation a public official, etc. may be saying to address the issue of misinformation. Calendar of Announcements lists local meetings.

*Phillip Pantuso, Editor Hudson Valley Bureau - Times Union*

We have an almost opposite approach. Broad coverage, rarely granular local community issues. We try to report on local news through a larger lens of interest. Environmental issues are usually state-based. Business and energy reporter, health reporter, are often involved with that

perspective. Also use our investigative team on environmental issues. Try to report on local impact of state matters that can be difficult to understand. More solutions-oriented reporting. Flooding, Individual efforts to reduce pollution. Pursue grants to cover climate reporting. Work with a weather monitoring network, receiving data, real time mapping. Also consider short- and long-time effects of climate change.

### **Decarbonization Grant**

Grant to fund insulation and geothermal energy heating for the Marbletown Community Center was submitted to Partners for Climate Action. for \$78,250. If they only approve air source heat pumps, the amount asked is \$61,100.

### **Rondout Valley High School efforts**

Asked Nation Honor Society to help with waste monitoring. Kate McPeck met with new Facilities Director. School will pay for larger sorting bins. Start contacting various orgs for grants to help school. Plan to create a presentation for the teachers. More people in the club, so monitoring is improving. Creating poster designs to go around the school. Has been helping students sort since Nov 13.

### **Dates for 2024 meetings**

(Dates have not been submitted to the Town, yet.)

<b>ECC meeting dates 2024</b>	
<b>Meeting time: 6-8 pm; Location and agenda announced on Marbletown.net</b>	
<b>Agenda submission date (marbletownecc@gmail.com)</b>	<b>Meeting date</b>
January 22, 2024	January 24, 2024
February 26, 2024	February 29, 2024
March 25, 2024	March 28, 2024
April 25, 2024	April 30, 2024
May 27, 2024	May 30, 2024
June 24, 2024	June 27, 2024
July 26, 2024	July 30, 2024
August 26, 2024	August 29, 2024
September 23, 2024	September 26, 2024
October 24, 2024	October 29, 2024

November 25, 2024	December 1, 2024
No meeting in December	
<b>Monthly ECC agendas are posted on Marbletown website.</b>	

### **Announcements**

Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council Report  
December 5; 6-8 pm. In person and virtual

Tom will present at the Rosendale Library Presentation on electricity options  
Jan 11 5:30pm  
He requested Central Hudson bills to use as examples

**Adjourn:** 7:34 pm