

Attendees:

Tom Konrad, ECC chair
Siddhartha Lama, ECC Member
Alan Newman, ECC Member
Lisa Giannacio, ECC member
Laura Anker, ECC member
Don Lafera
Jennifer O'Donnell
Nikita Oracea (via Zoom)

January and February minutes

January and February minutes approved.

NY Association of Conservation Commissions

Should we join again? Hold off on paying for it until folks review the website: <https://nysacc.org/>

**Update on Clean Energies Communities Leadership Round grants/Community Campaigns
Town's review of Comprehensive Plan**

The Town has been approved to receive \$175,000 from NYSERDA. Will discuss how to spend the money at the next Town Board meeting. Tom plans to spend some of it on adding chargers in Marbletown, which will provide enough additional points to qualify for the \$250,000 award level.

ECC provide material for the Town's new Comprehensive Plan.

Ulster EMC

Tom presented on the CEC to the EMC.

Solar mapping

Alan has prepared a solar mapping report showing the best locations for medium scale solar installations in Marbletown. The intent is to recommend this to the board for incorporation into the Town Plan. As few members had had a chance to review the report, we deferred consideration to the April meeting.

Clam shells

Can we start a campaign to get local restaurants to use compostable clam shells? For example, costs of compostable shells are low. Shopping bags can be returned. Most are thrown out.

Lisa is going to spearhead writing a leaflet.

Update on Rondout Valley High School

Continuing monitoring food waste at the school. All the paperwork sorted out for UCRA in order to collect compost. The school has started seeding plants in the greenhouse for sale. WISE program: Start a compost pile at the transfer station.

Potential trails

Tom presented several ideas for connector trails to Osterhoudt property and to the O&W trail. Especially interested in connecting Stone Ridge and High Falls with trails. Other trail options were discussed.

New members

Don Lafera and Jennifer O'Donnell were unanimously voted to be recommended to the Town Board for membership on the ECC.

Adjourn: 7:42 pm