

## **September 8, 2021 ECC meeting**

### **Attending:**

Tom Konrad, ECC chair  
Alan Newman, ECC member  
Carol Feingold, Resident  
Henry Rich, ECC member  
Ben Eckstein, SHV  
Eric Stewart, Town Board Representative  
Iris Marie Bloom, ECC member  
Olivia Fleming, ECC member  
Siddhartha Lama, Student ECC member

Minutes with correction approved

### **Honey I Shrunk the Lawn Debrief**

Good attendance. 86 registered, 42 at start, and at 8:15 there was still 26 people. There are also follow-up slides. Final email will have a link to the live presentation. Someone from Gardner reached out about the presentation. Gardner ECC wanted to do 4 seasonal zooms with ECC. Topic was easy to engage; more than the energy stuff. Two 100% pledges afterwards. Presentation had a lot of promotion with flyers, press release, announcements at events.

Possible topic for October: How to season wood. Sustainability of wood is complex topic. 2-part presentation? First part about stoves then about sourcing wood. Include pellet stoves. Concern that wood stoves have problems and not really environmentally friendly. Final decision: All about wood stoves: Myths and “striving with sustainability with wood stoves”.

Cancel December and October events. Move to November.

Plastics for 2022: Iris and Siddhartha.

October: Another Q&A. October 21 is Rondout Watershed Creek Alliance (RWCA) Summit at Town Hall.

November 17 could be a date for wood stoves

ECC to join the RWCA summit in October.

### **Planning for DIY EV charger**

Sep 29 from 5 to 7. Event to be filmed. Have to be vaccinated to participate. Give away a free outlet install to a 100% pledge. Install has to be inspected.

### **Sustainable Hudson Valley**

SHV compiling case studies of homes becoming more sustainable. SHV looking for a “lower income family” to showcase; not sure how to move forward.

### **Group Purchase Update**

If we get 10 people to sign up and install, get another \$5000.

SHV might do another round of passing out flyers.

### **100% Renewable**

Lawn signs for those taking the pledge: ECC needs to finalize them and buy them.

North River Architecture took the 100% pledge.

### **Opt out solar**

Letters are going out.

### **NY Conservation Association**

5 Votes to join NY Conservation Association

### **Update on Preservation and Investment Committee**

No meetings since last month.

### **\$35,000 CEC Grant Recommendation**

Board agreed to spend \$25,000 for used hybrid 2018 Mitsubishi for Parks & Recs and Inspections.

Central Hudson hasn't responded to changing the lights to LEDs. Could be free.

Still have \$10,000 to spend. Riding electric mower is the recommendation of the ECC. Have to buy equipment within 6 months. Additional electric equipment to fill out \$10K. Would be to the Marbletown Parks & Rec Parks Department. Need to work with Board to spend the \$10K.

ECC will research choices and make recommendations.

Adjourn: 9:17 pm

