

Marbletown ECC and Climate Smart Task Force

Mintes, 28 February 2019

Attending: Tom Konrad, Doug Adams, Amy Moses, Eric Stewart, Melissa Everett (Sustainable Hudson Valley) via Zoom.

Next Town Board meeting will acknowledge of Green Award to the Last Bite.
Iris will do the hosting of the award for the group

100% Renewables

- Look at next steps—priority projects. Roadmap on spreadsheet
 - Community solar
 - High Falls water proposal—250 kw with rental of \$0.02 kw annual rental \$5K/year payable to HF water district. Money stays with the water district. Community will have first shot at power about 30 households which will likely be customers of the water district
 - North Marbletown—ECC helping facilitate. Town does not appear to have jurisdiction over hydro-power generation from Esopus at Fording Road access.
 - Solarize—selecting previously vetted installers rather than floating RFP.
 - Templates for local usage
 - EV charger, install have a NEMA 1450 outlet next to parking outlet area of home—standard for 50-amp EV charger as standard requirement.
 - 3-month campaign—into mid to late fall. Model for reducing soft costs for installers and getting consumers over the hump.
 - Community workshops
 - 8 June Solar launch Clean power expo (Doug & Amy)
- Continuing efficiency and continuous work for EV market and heat pump uptake—more people interested in the long-term process of switching from fossil to renewable energy
- Electrification strategy—write up
- Energy savings strategy write up
- Stretch energy code to be published by NYSERDA

Building Fee Update:

- Plan to base building permit fee on air flow, measured or 3 exchanges/hour if calculated. Blower door test should allow lower fee.
- Solar:: \$50 for rooftop and \$200 for ground mount---incentivize rooftop rather than ground mount
- Charge by the square foot of solar panels—higher efficiency panels

- Banning fossil fuel power plants and gas metering/compression stations.

Wood stove letter written tonight—from TB that NYSERDA certifies, wood pellet stove which are least polluting.

- Computer controls combustion efficiency, which draws NYSERDA financial incentive program for pellet stove purchases

Tom has begun a “What You Can Do” page for website. Review and make suggestions.

Community Center retrofit—TB raised prevailing wage issue. Trying to find it out—held up until a decision on Union negotiated wages is reached

- TB gave the ECC the permission to move forward with the retrofit. Then the prevailing wage issue came up and we don’t have the information

CCA Community Power—last weekend 6 or seven was there. RFP is going out the 21st of March. 30-day opt out happens in April

- Veridian or Clean Choice which cost a little more—purchase of actual green energy from solar or wind

Ridgewell Gym will be community solar with subscriptions available to community.

May meeting reschedule—to the 23rd of May rather than the last Thursday of the month