

Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) and Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) Meeting Minutes, 18 March 2020

Attending members:

Tom Konrad, Chair  
Iris Marie Bloom  
Amy Moses  
Eric Stewart, Town Board Liaison  
Alan Newman  
Daisy Foote, Town Board

Jason Zimmerman, CSC Coordinator  
Tim Guinee, Resident  
Laura Finestone, Resident  
Jeff Domanski, Hudson Valley Energy  
Melissa Everett, Sustainable HV  
Toni Brink, citizen

I. Marbletown 100% Renewable Report Review

Report has been reviewed by most members.. Tom to condense technical appendix and wood details.

Discussion continued regarding the timeline of 100% renewable and scenarios for how to get there. Tom will continue to adjust the numbers to see how much early ‘retirement’ of still usable fossil fuel equipment and vehicles will be necessary to achieve 100% renewable by 2030. The charts will be labeled with user friendly names. “People Planet Profit”

Daisy’s feedback: Encourage the educational component to get public buy-in. We should look at how the conversation is ‘primed’ and how it’s framed to the public. The public will want to know “what’s in it for me?”

Ideas for promotion of this plan to the public:

1. ½ time show at the Accord Speedway. Electric cars, bikes, scooters. Laura Finestone will approach the Rochester town board with the idea. Possibly combine it with something else. Daisy will talk with Larry Richie.
  - a. Subcommittee: Laura, Tim, Daisy, Amy
2. Combine with an activity during National Drive Electric Week in October
3. Combine with the rollout of the new walking path - High Falls to Stone Ridge
4. Media Announcements
5. Present to the public in short 10-15 minute webinars. The first one can be the draft 100% Renewable Plan. Tom suggests spring gardening webinar topics to include: “invasive” foraging, general gardening, composting and demonstration of electric lawnmowers/weedwackers. These can start ASAP during the stay at home time.
6. Individual zoom sessions to help give interested parties more info on energy retrofits.

II. Other Business

- Community Center Grant: 1st quarter of the money was received. Don LaFera (deputy supervisor) is getting quotes for ASHPs. Waiting on Scott Davis to file the water remediation plan with the DOT (Department Of Transportation) regarding the ROW (Right Of Way). Daisy and Eric will contact Scott to encourage him to file.

- Stretch Code: Town government, Scott Davis and NYSERDA are in the process of discussing the Stretch Code for Marbletown. Daisy will confirm status with the Marbletown Building Department. Outstanding question: What type of renovation could trigger the stretch code?
- Rondout Repair Café held its session in the Municipal Center's gymnasium on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February from 10 AM to 2PM. Tom and Iris attended and stated it went well. Next date and location TBD. Tom and Iris talked in depth with 4-5 participants about energy efficiency issues.
- Eastern Monarch Butterflies: Iris presented that 53% decline since last year. It's below the level of the extinction line. California Monarchs are also at a critically low level for the 2nd year in a row. Iris suggested that everyone who can should double the amount of milkweed and nectar plants growing on their land. This community minded and spirited response will be added to the town resolution.
- Eric stated there's room for 2 beds of pollinator plants to be added to the garden at the Town Hall. Topsoil would be donated.
- Marbletown attained bronze level certification for Climate Smart Communities. Eric to write a press release.
- Amy had suggestions for a "green" lending library that could be housed at the Stone Ridge Library. Items to lend: KW meter, infrared camera, childrens gardening books. We could also look into creating a community lending tool shed.
- January, February Minutes: Alan, Iris and Tom all voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM with a unanimous vote.