

ECC Meeting Minutes:

Date of Meeting: 05/31/2018

Attending: Doug Adams, Iris Bloom, Tom Konrad, Amy Moses, Eric Stewart

Guests: Jacob Sherman, Melissa Everett, Rich Parete

Minutes submitted by Amy Moses, 6/27/2018

Melissa Everett presentation – 100% renewable:

1. Melissa is the executive director of Sustainable Hudson Valley, and one of their missions is to help communities get to 100% renewables with assistance in scoping and planning. This would include heating, cooling and transportation.
2. Communities that have achieved this are: Columbia Md, Burlington Vt, Aspen Co., Greensburg, Kansas, N. Adams, Ma.
3. Some options are 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.
4. The ECC voted to work on a 100% renewable plan in the next several months.
5. First step is to collect data. Tom has the 100% renewable information for the town. Aggregate data per zip code and meter type will be requested from Central Hudson.
6. Melissa is working on this in Connecticut and resources and people from there will be available to assist us.
7. Vehicle quantities and make/model will be available and requested from the DMV.
8. Efficiency and low energy ideas that were discussed include
 - a. Locating large solar arrays on roofs and grounds of building such as Emmanuel's, Schools, Ridge Gym, College, Marbletown Municipal Building, Methodist Church, Fire Departments, New Generation Farm
 - b. Creating neighborhood shared solar micro grids, and/or micro hydro.
 - c. Research NYSERDA \$ for things such as multi family unit retrofits.
 - d. Design new buildings to ultimately be fossil fuel free as there should be an energy standard for new construction and renovation. 'Green' should be incorporated as part of the planning process. No building system shall use fossil fuel.
 - e. New buildings should be at a minimum Net '0'.
9. The question was raised – how to best do outreach for 100% renewable – especially across all sectors of the community.
10. The near term goals should be – Projects to be Economically and physically feasible, educate the community, create a design competition.

CCA LEGISLATION:

Tom shared that a law is in the works for Marbletown to join a Community Choice Aggregation group, where the town would choose a vendor (CCA). The ECC voted and passed a recommendation that the ECC would endorse the law, should it contain the provision that the default CCA will be 100% renewable.

TOWN BUILDING/SITE REPORT BY PEAK ENGINEERING:

Scott is almost completed with the reports. The ECC will review the reports and make further recommendations. Tom will contact Green Energy design companies to assist in the review and recommendations for future projects to reduce the fossil fuel consumption in the Town buildings.

FIRE TRAINING CENTER:

Laura Shane Cunningham presented the issues regarding the new FTC project from her review of the EAF statement, fact sheets, resolutions and minutes. She noted discrepancies and concerns with the aquifer, wetlands, archeology, natural habitats, noise, light pollution and traffic. The project is to include one training building and (5) storage sheds. No new sewer and water lines are to be installed. The water is to be trucked in by the fire companies; they will train with full hoses but will not spray. There is not a full EIF as it is not currently classified as a Class 1 project, and it has been downgraded to an unlisted action with SEQR (neg dec).

It is recommended that Rich request more information and that a public info session be scheduled. The questions that were discussed include:

1. Is the wetland listed?
2. Did the County inform local government and homeowners appropriately?
3. Why was the SEQR downgraded ?

The ECC members agreed that more information must be gathered before a statement in support or against the project can be made by the ECC.

POLLINATOR GARDEN:

The High Falls garden on 213 is 'on hold'. There are issues with the DOT and other High Falls groups. Eric will submit plans to the DOT for approval/recommendations. Rich noted, a 3'x3' water access will be necessary at the site for the new water line.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15.