

**Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC)  
Marbletown Town Board  
Meeting Notes for August 30, 2017  
Marbletown Community Center**

**Members Present:** Tom Konrad (Chair), Douglas Adams, Margot Becker, Iris Marie Bloom, Clare Flemming, Eric Stewart

8/30/17			Draft Agenda, Marbletown Community Center	
Start	Finish	Min.	Item	Lead
7:00 PM	7:20 PM	20	ESVE Parking Space & Landscaping	Eric
7:20 PM	7:25 PM	5	Move inside	
7:25 PM	7:33 PM	8	ESVE grant	Tom
7:33 PM	7:38 PM	5	June & July (aug3) minutes	Tom, Eric, Clare
7:38 PM	7:48 PM	10	Pollinator Garden dedication report & Expansion	Eric
7:48 PM	7:53 PM	5	Permaculture Meetup report	Tom
7:53 PM	8:03 PM	10	High Falls EV charger – FAQ	Tom
8:03 PM	8:08 PM	5	Rondout Municipal Center, Old Town Hall, Transfer station Solar.	Tom
8:08 PM	8:16 PM	8	Streetlight update	Tom
8:16 PM	8:21 PM	5	PZC update - EV Ready buildings, Bag law	Tom
8:21 PM	8:26 PM	5	Pharmacy drug take-back laws	Margot
8:26 PM	8:31 PM	5	Fire Training Facility	Clare
8:31 PM	8:36 PM	5	Climate Smart Communities update	Tom
8:36 PM	8:46 PM	10	Visioning/ retreat	All
8:46 PM	8:54 PM	8	New Business	All
8:54 PM	8:59 PM	5	Take-aways/ To-dos for next meeting.	All

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8:59 PM	9:00 PM	1	Adjourn.	

### **1. ESVE Parking Space & Landscaping**

Members convened at the newly established Electronic Vehicle Charging Station at the Marbletown Community Center to discuss options to improve access to the charger and increase the current EV dedicated parking space from its 10x14-foot footprint to the standard 9x18-foot space. Conversations included options for building a small deck of some nature at the charger, excavating soil from in front of the charger, setting steps to the charger, and so forth. It was decided that Eric Stewart would consider parking station plans in detail with Amy Moses, then discuss options with George Dimler, Superintendent of the Highway Department. Clare Flemming will contact local contractors for quotes on a 5x5-foot deck at the station in order to explore costs.

### **2. June 2017 Meeting Notes**

Distributed; need minor revision. Tom Konrad asked members to review sections where they are mentioned or the lead.

### **3. Proposed Fire Training Facility between Cottekill and Leggett Roads**

Doug Adams reported that it appears “unlikely” that the County will continue to press for the training center to be placed in this residentially zoned district now that appropriately zoned spots have been identified and are under review by the county legislature. Clare Flemming added that the site between Cottekill and Leggett was announced in April as the “only” site and is now considered one of several under consideration, which is a success for the community, thanks in part to the ECC’s Statement of Concern about the site between Cottekill and Leggett.

### **4. Electronic Vehicle Charging Station Grant Update**

Tom Konrad is reexamining the budget for quarterly report obligation of end-September. He is working on getting a static IP address for Marbletown Community Center in order to enable the EV Station’s web based reporting features.

### **5. Pollinator Garden Dedication**

Eric Stewart reported a successful dedication event on August 26 at the recently installed and planted pollinator garden located at the Town Hall on Lucas Avenue. The event – attended by approximately 40 people and covered by the *Blue Stone Press* – honored Maraleen Manos-Jones for her work in supporting butterfly conservation awareness. Eric reported that there is now a sign on the garden, and that the newly placed picnic table was well received. Town Supervisor Mike Warren attended the event.

## **6. Potential High Falls Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

- Tom Konrad prepared FAQs about the EV station
- ECC members will let Tom know if they have additions to the FAQ list
- Margot Becker offered to hand the FAQs to local businesses
- If installed, business would need to contribute to the costs

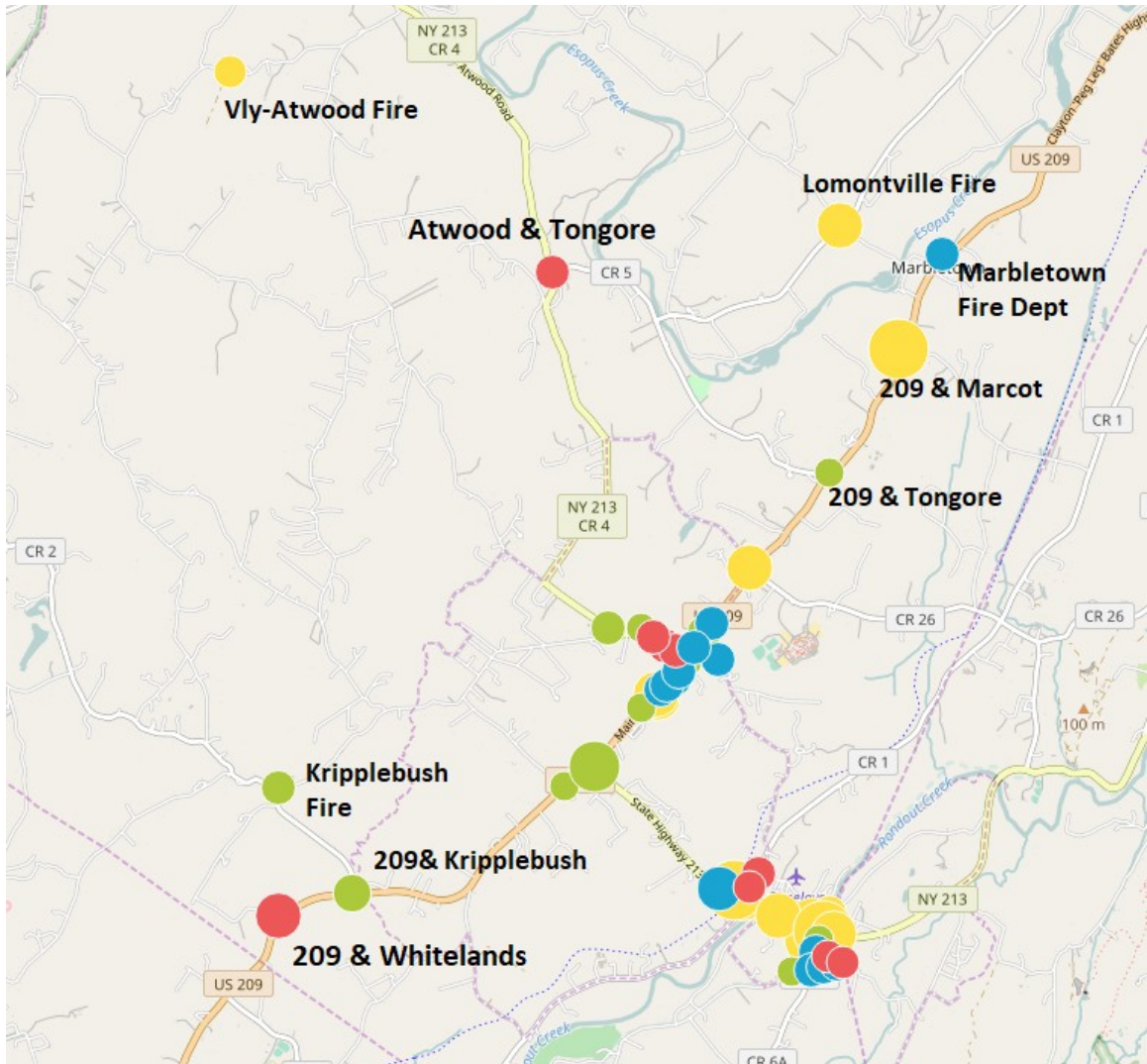
## **7. Solar Panels at Rondout Municipal Center, Old Town Hall, Transfer Station**

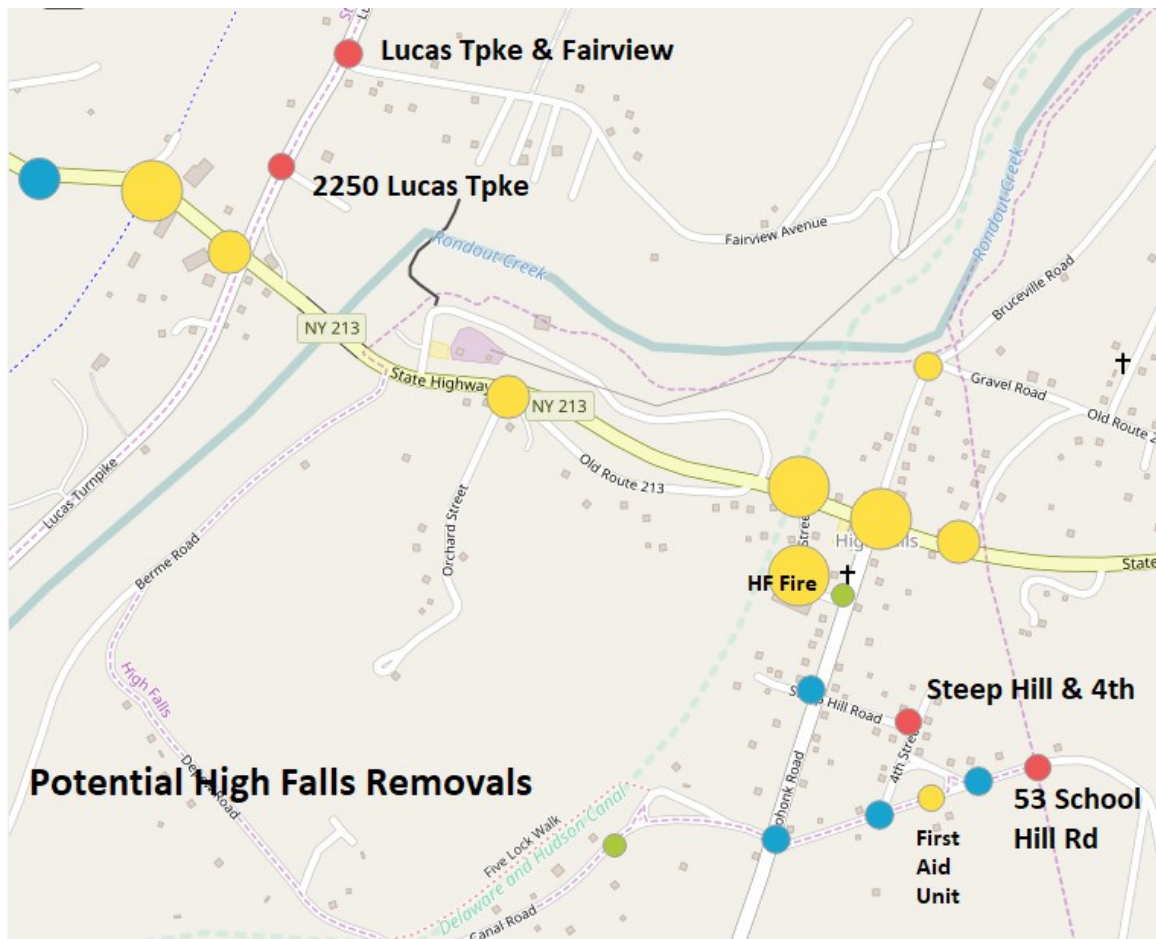
Tom Konrad informed the members of the pros and cons of solar panel installation at the three sites, and that it appears the salt shed behind the old Town Hall on Route 209 is the best site for an install. Doug Adams reported a potential solar farm may be installed on 300-500 acre parcel of private land across from the Bevier House Museum on Route 209, hidden from view. Individuals would be able to buy solar from offsite panels such as these proposed.

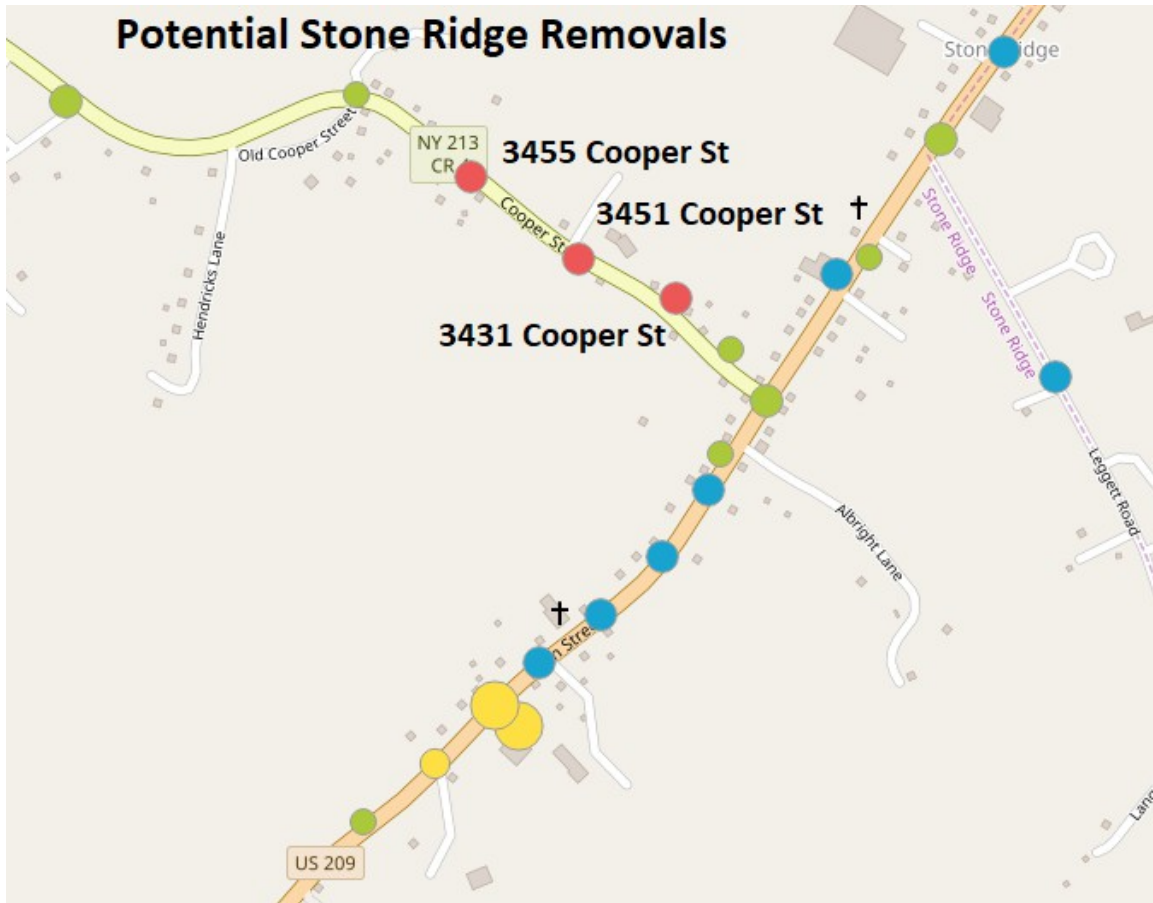
## **8. Streetlight Update**

Central Hudson will replace some mercury-vapor streetlamp bulbs with LED bulbs for free, but not all. Given the limited number of replacements, Tom Konrad provided a list and maps of streetlights which the town might consider removing before buying out the remaining lights from Central Hudson. He asked ECC members for their thoughts/suggestions on any other lights which might be added to the list.

Streetlights to consider removing are shown in red on the following 3 maps:







## 9. Planning and Zoning Commission Update

Tom Konrad submitted to the PZC the draft laws for (1) plastic bag ban and (2) EV-Ready Buildings.

## 10. Pharmaceutical Waste

Margot Becker reported that the New York State Legislature passed a Pharmaceutical Take Back law that is weak and will not serve the state well for many reasons. Most importantly, the law includes pre-emptive language, that is, cities and counties can not institute stronger pharmaceutical waste laws that serve their communities better. Activists around the state are asking the Governor to veto it. Marbletown ECC does not need to support a veto because the weak legislation, if the Governor choose to sign it into law, serves our purposes, that is, all pharmaceutical chains with over ten stores must participate, and the Marbletown RiteAid is thus covered. If the Governor vetos the bill, Marbletown would need to take action on pharmaceutical waste--that is, we would need to pass a law requiring the RiteAid to run a take back program on site. RiteAid leadership told current Marbletown Executive Mike Warren that they would run such a program if required by law. Warren strongly supports this and will take action if needed, but it is

unclear if the next Executive will be as interested in solving this important problem in the case of a veto

#### **11. Climate Smart Communities**

Tom Konrad reported that Marbletown is dedicated to achieving the 10 Climate Smart Principles outlined by the New York State Energy Resource and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and that our town is 1/3 the way toward getting the Climate Smart Certification. He noted that both Ulster County and Kingston have reached certification, and that Rosendale and New Paltz are also working toward certification. He suggested that the ECC might use the Climate Smart Communities framework to guide future projects.

#### **13. Visioning Retreat**

Last month, Ms. Bloom and Mr. Konrad suggested the ECC hold a longer meeting in order to examine the ECC's mission, strategy, vision, and long-term goals. Iris Marie Bloom will spearhead planning for a day or half-day retreat for the members to concentrate on their vision for the ECC. Members look forward to this effort and selected October 15, 2017, as the retreat date. Iris invited Clare Flemming to join her in planning the agenda and logistics; Clare accepted. Members are asked to contribute their suggestions for agenda items as the date draws near.

#### **14. Meeting Adjourned, 9:15 pm**