

Climate Smart Community (CSC) Report to Claverack Town Council Workshop
Sept 29, 2020, From John Bradley,

Task Force Formation: There have been no responses yet to the Call for Volunteers posted on the Town Website. I will be finding other ways of reaching out to the community to recruit volunteers. The publicity for the Oct 17 Library Event would help in this respect. I plan to do some additional publicity specifically for recruitment.

Oct 17 Library Education Event: See the Library's Promotional Announcement below. The Town of Claverack and our Climate Smart Task Force are listed among the cosponsors.

CSC/CEC Grant Funds: Tara tells me that an announcement of grant funds availability could occur any week. For the CEC funds available for us, there will be a short application. I am willing to help work on this application with assistance from a Council member or employee who knows where to find information.

Countywide Climate Smart proposal: The proposal has been adopted by the EMC and presented to the Government Committee. If approved, over time this will help provide collaborate support for our Task Force. As Chair of the COmmittee, Kippy is more current on the status of the proposal than I am.

The Claverack Library has sent out the following announcement to media outlets.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT –THE 7 R'S FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

On Saturday October 17 from 4 - 5:30 PM the Claverack Free Library will host a virtual program on Zoom aimed at adults, teens, and tweens who want to learn how to create a more sustainable environment. Members of the citizens' group Zero Waste Columbia and Columbia County's Department of Solid Waste Management will offer practical ways to rethink, reduce, refuse, reuse, repair, recycle and recover waste to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. Small changes can have a large economic, environmental and community impact. "Zero in" on more ways to act locally to lessen environmental degradation and create a more sustainable, resilient and prosperous world for future generations.

Zero Waste Columbia is a citizens group committed to volunteerism, education, and collaboration with individuals and organizations to reimagine resource flows, adapting behavior, and improving processes that move toward zero waste.

Members of Zero Waste Columbia come from many different towns across Columbia County. This program is sponsored by the Claverack Free Library in association with Columbia County libraries, The Town of Claverack, and the Claverack *Climate Smart Community* Task Force. For login information RSVP to ZeroWasteColumbia@gmail.org or call the Claverack Library at 518 851-5667. An RSVP is required to receive Zoom login prior to the event.