

To: Claverack Town Board
From: John Bradley, CSC Coordinator,
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Subject: Claverack Climate Smart Report for Feb 11, 2021 Town Board

Highlights from the Jan 25 Environmental Management Council (EMC)

- EMC Leadership Change -
 - Ed Simonsen is stepping down, citing health issues;
 - Michael O'Hara from Hudson assumes the Chair
- EMC Discussion of Emerging issues and priorities for 2021
 - Michael commented on the EMC's desire to be more proactive in its advisory role.
 - Three 'emerging' topics of frequent discussion in recent months have been Solar power and its related issues, Solid Waste with its inefficiencies and damaging greenhouse gases, and the emergence and activity of Climate Smart Community Committees in many communities.
 - Priorities are Climate Smart and Solid Waste

Claverack Climate Smart projects status:

- GreenHouse Gas Inventory - The Capital District Regional Planning Commission staff, Jill Henck, will manage the technical process of downloading data from N-grid and loading it into the Excel model. Sue will provide account numbers, heating invoices, and direct me to vehicle fleet information which I will load into the model. We have a 3-way phone meeting scheduled next week to work out details..
- Streetlight LED Conversion - I will ask N-grid for information on conversion costs so it can be reviewed. New Lebanon says they made their money back within a year.
- Hydropower - We have had conversations with the Conservancy and Current Hydro LLC, the Rhinebeck firm handling the Bard Saw Kill hydro project and the authors of the NYSERDA MicrohydroNY report which we have been following. The Conservancy is enthusiastic and since the Dam on the falls is an existing structure, there is no easement issue. The principals of Current Hydro will be visiting the site this weekend so I will be able to report more at the Workshop.
- Recruitment and Additional Projects for CSC:
 - The Claverack's CSC could benefit from additional volunteers. Numerous additional initiatives have been suggested; many projects undertaken by neighboring towns could be appealing to Claverack. Our agenda can grow as residents jump on board.
- The next Claverack Climate Smart Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb 23 at 6 PM on Zoom. Anyone who would like to attend should contact me so we can provide the Zoom invitation and meeting materials. And if anyone would like to further discuss the Committees work or help out, contact me at Johnbrad322@gmail.com, or info@townofclaverack.com Attention Climate Smart