

To: Claverack Town Council
From: John Bradley, Coordinator for Claverack Climate Smart Task Force
Re: Climate Smart Update for Claverack Town Council, Oct 26, 2020
Date: Oct 26, 2020

I will be giving a brief report at the Workshop this evening. Here is an outline of the items I am planning to cover.

Climate Smart Committee and NYS structure:

- CSC Committee requirements
 - Mission, composition, roles, Resolution, Open meetings law
 - NYS specifies inclusion of at least one council member and/or staff
 - Finalize these requirements in Dec or Jan
- We have 3 volunteers plus myself and hope for more after elections
- Organizational meeting in November, gather background information and consider actions for considerations;
 - We can start gathering required information on actions for which we already qualify for points.

Near Term agenda for committee

- Orientation to Climate Smart system
- Review of priority actions listed by NYS; Committee will discuss with and recommend to Council:
 - <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/certification-overview/certification-framework/>
- Discussion of longer term topics, options and goals:
 - There may be areas of the Framework (above) of interest to the Committee and/or the Council
 - Community Solar
 - Energy efficient building standards for new town building?
 - Agawamuck Creek Hydro power: <https://microhydrony.org/>
 - Food waste and yard waste composting;
- We need access to Town documentation for Clean Energy actions (get from Mary)
 - Clean Energy file
 - Benchmarking
 - Energy efficiency initiatives

- A companion Guide is being prepared from the event, to include the comments and references of the pannelests, including Ron Knot and Jolene Race's comments. A copy can be requested from me or at zero-waste-columbia@gooog
- Report on Claverack Library Community Education event cosponsored by Association of Libraries, Town of Claverack, Climate Smart Task Force, and Zero Waste Columbia.:

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- Registrations: 38
- Unique viewers 23
- Panelists: 7
- Total Attendees: 30

- Event Survey Feedback

- Topics found most interesting:
 - Reuse and repair cafes
 - Food waste / organics
 - Innovation Entreprenership and Nonprofit efforts
- Would like to learn more about:
 - Food composting
 - Innovation, Local Business, and nonpprofit efforts
 - Environmental news and legislation
- Strong interest in more community education

- The proceedings were recorded and can be viewed on YouTube:

- <https://youtu.be/pOcy5wMMf-Q>

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