

CSC Minutes August 8 2022    Minutes approved Oct 10

Attendance: Katy Cashen, Vic Masters, Mark Menne, Brenda Shuffelt, Sarah Katan, Tom Helling, Julie Schevach, John Bradley (a Task Force quorum was present)

The August Meeting of the Claverack CLimate Smart Committee and Task Force started just after 6 PM at the Claverack Free Library

- Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2022 were accepted as distributed.
  
- Update and discussion on Planning:
  - John reported that the Town is proceeding to plan for demolition of old town court building;
  - A concern was expressed that earth being moved before Town has a plan for the site is not good business practice.
  - JB mentioned that some of the town's problems are aggravated by the town's resistance to planning; The Getaway Zoning issue can be partially traced to limited attention to conservation in the community as can the crisis over the Solar Law. A more active interest in regional trends and Comprehensive planning over the years might have averted or alleviated these crises.
  
- Media Team - Newsletter and Website
  - Vic and Sarah reported on the newsletter distributed in July.
  - Sarah requested ideas for articles in the August Newsletter;
  - Sarah suggested that we run a regular column on Sustainable actions, and suggested we do an informative piece on the County's Food Scraps Collection program. John offered to work on this ;
  - John mentioned that at the County CSC Tasks Force meeting a new program was discussed - CARP (Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning). NYS invited Columbia County to serve as a demonstration with technical assistance provided to the County and any towns that wish to participate. In discussion it was noted that we may need more volunteers plus additional participation from town electeds and staff. The Task Force's recommendation will be presented to the Government Committee and BOS at the August meetings. It was suggested that John alert Kippy of possible interest in Claverack.
  - Funds have been received for the Solarize Grant. NGRID customers can still sign up but there is no available capacity for NYSEG customers.
  - Solar Law - do we want to do an update on the Solar Law for the newsletter the committee shares its recommendations?
  - Klocke estate tour - Sarah will write a brief recap about the tour; she asked the group for a more indepth follow up article.
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- The Certification Work Team has five volunteers working on the documentation for Bronze (Tom, Julie, Elizabeth, Mark and John).
  - a) Tom and Julie will give a report on 9/12, to explain progress with various actions and priority & mandatory actions;
  - b) Brief discussion of why have not got to Bronze; John explained he did not understand how complicated the process is and we did not have the available bandwidth; Also, many aspects of certification require planning which has been a stumbling block.

The meeting was adjourned near 7 PM  
 (notes prepared by JB)

**Original Agenda:**

1. Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2022
2. Update and discussion on Town Hall Planning:
  - Kippy tells me he is proceeding with plans for demolition;
  - A Concern is that earth being moved before Town has accountable planning and concept plan for the site.
  - If we have a Task Force quorum, we might want to make a recommendation to the Town Board
3. Media Team - Newsletter and Website
  - Next Newsletter?
4. Certification Work Team - Update/Status
5. County CSCTF
  - Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning - County invited by DEC to be Pilot,
6. Other business - Old and New (as time permits)
  - Grants
  - Hydropower
  - Town Board Meetings - encourage others to attend - take turns?
  - Invitation to join PCA's new network-- [HVCAN](#) - which is in Beta Test.
  - Klocke Estate Tour - Follow up?
  - Other?