

# CLIMATE SMART



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## Minutes for March 13th, 2023 meeting

The February Claverack Climate Smart meeting was called to order at 6:00 on Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Claverack Free Library Board Room.

Attendance: John Bradley, Katy Flammia, Sarah Katan, Jeff Kiplinger, Elizabeth Davis, Tom Ferguson, Tom Helling, Julia Shevach

- Minutes of Feb 13 Meeting were approved as distributed.
- Had some technical difficulties setting up the Zoom and connections throughout the meeting.
- Thea explained the concept of partnership with the Library on our CSC events which would involve joint publicity and hosting. Jeff asked if they could share their contact list and it was proposed that they could offer their client list the opportunity to sign up for CSC's mailing list.
- Katy F reviewed the new format of the meetings and review a draft of a new mission statement and terminology. General approval from the group, with the one request to change the work Projects to match the CSC term Actions. This was agreed upon by the group. We can have Vic put this up on the website. Katy F will send text.
- Tom H and Julie presented their work on the Climate Action Plan draft. This was meant to lay the groundwork for a discussion on priority setting for the group. Their presentation of the format and structure of the plan and the prerequisites was very helpful but as they well know from working with it not exactly transparent or easy to understand.
- Anything we do for the CAP must first be approved by the Town Board and then by the state in order to get points toward Bronze Certification.
- It was also explained that many of our Claverack interests (Community Outreach, Sustainable Land Management) are credited in a Community focused CAP which cannot be applied for before a town has an approved Government CAP which is what Julie and Tom are currently working on.
- They explained the three buckets (focus areas?) of the draft which each have two actions:
  1. **Built Environment:** Building a new town hall and upgrading existing buildings.
  2. **Waste and Recycling:** Promote waste reduction & recycling by town workers and Promote waste reduction & recycling by town residents.
  3. **Renewable Energy:** Adopt green technology and adopt green building technology for new buildings.

Under Waste Reduction one of the tasks that is being done by Elisabeth is the gathering of data about the current energy usage of the town buildings. This information will benchmark the GHG emission reductions of future actions.
- It was explained that the CAP is a living document that will change as actions and goals are accomplished and issues change.

- It was agreed that we need another session where we evaluate the goals and actions for their current relevancy, their and achievability. Any goals we want to continue to monitor or work towards more slowly can continue to be worked on but we will set priorities.
- Julie will send out a synopsis of their work, the focus areas, goals and actions they were proposing, with potential alternated actions we could substitute if the group upvotes them.
- The ongoing task updates were then reported on by the teams working on them:
- Elizabeth spoke about the roadblocks to getting the data on the town GHG usage. She reached out to the vendors since the town was unable to get her the information. The vendors are willing to send the information but need a representative from the TB to give permission. John will ask Katy C about this. There was also meant to be a mtg with Katy C and the town clerk to try to get at this information. John will report on next steps.
- Sarah reported for the Media Team. She has all the information they need to send the newsletter out and then we lost connection so we did not hear the end of her report. If she can send Katy F the rest of her report it will be included in these notes.
- Katy F reported that the webpage on Sustainable Land Management has been built out and is live and will be updated from time to time. And announced two events at the library. April 22 the Home Grown National Park video will be shown and May 27<sup>th</sup> a follow up panel of garden designers will talk about how to grow habitat creating gardens.
- John said more information on resiliency will be forthcoming.
- There will soon be more information coming about Heat Pumps. Tom F expressed interest in this topic and a willingness to assist.
- There was no new business beyond this.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 7pm. Library closed early due to weather forecast.

We will be meeting in person and on Zoom for those who prefer.

Join Zoom Meeting - this url is the same for our monthly CSC meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82392496996?pwd=WWtZQ3NrdktSRG5QUkwwaUxaRmc2Zz09>

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Other Meetings:

- Taghkanic CSC -Gardening with Deer program on Saturday, March 18, 10 AM

<https://www.tgazette.com/post/gardening-with-deer>

- The March TB workshop is the last Monday, March 27 at 6 PM in the Old Library;
- County EMC - Last Monday of month
- County CSCTF - First Thursday on Month at 10AM
- CLC and HV CAN - TBD as scheduled