

## Climate Smart Schuylerville Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2023 9 AM Schuylerville Public Library and Zoom

### Attendees

In Person: Chelsie Henderson, Kate Morse, Maxine Lautenberg, Lori Shultz, Cindy Wian, Holly Hewitt, BriAnne Mulligan, Julie White, Kathy Ceceri, Sara Kelly, Matt Johnson

Over Zoom: Deb McGloine, Emily Yolleck, Haley Balcanoff

Minutes taken by BriAnne Mulligan

- Previous meeting minutes read and agreed upon.
- Sarah reports working with Emily on composting and the school- have an upcoming meeting with Sarah Keene, who runs the school food program, they plan on seeing in the school's goals and available resources align with our goals
  - Plans on attending a training on composting- interested in seeing in the Environmental Club at the High School would be interested in holding community programs and trainings on composting
  - Is town interested in yard waste collection component of composting at the municipal level?
  - Greenwich Library has an upcoming Zoom class on Vermicomposting on March 21.
- Kate and Chelsea met with the Environmental Club at the school- group seemed enthusiastic and has roughly 14 active members. Their advisor is Emily Flores who will act as point person between the two groups.
  - Quaker Springs 4H is planning on holding a roadside cleanup event
  - Met with Sustainable Saratoga and discovered available partnerships with Climate Smart Saratoga as well
  - Skidmore Environmental Fair is an upcoming Earth Day event- Sustainable Saratoga will share a table with Hudson Crossing Park- event is on April 16
  - Kate is still working on an official letter of intent for formal collaboration documentation
- Chelsea reports that the Task Force list and designated coordinator have been accepted by the village as well as the Unified Solar permitting documentation.
  - Benchmarking is still a work in progress, but Darrick is still working on it and Haley reports that it should be completed this week
- Cathy found that the Educational Action is not as low hanging as originally believed and that there is more municipal involvement (ie proclamation in support) is necessary- will follow up with Haley
  - Shared an article in today's Times Union regarding LED lighting issues in Cambridge NY.
- Maxine is looking for residents of the Town of Saratoga who are not currently in this group to be in the separate Town group as this group serving for both municipalities was not favored by the current Town Board.
- Deb created the form and survey to be shared with businesses and will be meeting with Holly to get it uploaded to the drive and begin sharing at Community Conversation meetings
  - Environmental Club is holding a fundraiser for Earth Day in support of Hudson Crossing Park
  - Needs access to group logo file
- For Next Meeting:
  - BriAnne and Holly are working on getting the Repair Café information input to the Google Drive

- Cindy will research LED Lights and help get names for Maxine and the Town of Saratoga Committee
- Julie is attending the Good Trouble Awards and will be bringing up our group at with both the BioChar group in Moreau and Beyond Plastics for networking
- Holly is looking at a tree planting event for the library being coordinated
- Matt will look into the recycling bins at the municipalities and what documentation is necessary for that and will be looking at Glens Falls group for coordination
- Kate is working on Public Outreach and official adoption letter
- Maxine is working on coordinating a Town Task Force
- Cindy is researching at the Sustainability Fair and Woodstock Earth Day events
- Holly is offering Google Docs help and is looking into starting an environmental club at the Library this summer (with potential collaboration with the High School group)
- Chelsea is holding office hours with Cory at the Village offices for access to our needs
- Derrick will complete the benchmarking and input to the portal
- Next meeting will be on April 10, 2023 at 9 am in the Library Meeting Room