

# MONTHLY MEETING, 1/13/2021

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## ATTENDEES

Dan Welsh, Robert Fischman, Sarah Cocco, Chris Cocco, Janet Harckham, Tom Kelly, Austin Omin, Joel Smith

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

#### 1. Summary of Action Items

- a. Robert Fischman to follow up with the town on nominating Chris, Sarah, and Janet to the Sustainability Committee - Completed
- b. Robert Fischman to develop draft language for a request for volunteers - In progress
  - i. Civic organization - develop letter or email to make contact and presentation to be held at organizations meeting, Sarah Cocco to assist
  - ii. General Volunteers - develop flyer or social media campaign to recruit volunteers
- c. Robert Fischman to draft a letter to the editor of the Lewisboro Times - Pending
- d. Dan Welsh to review costs and feasibility for electric lawn equipment rental/swap program at town hall and/or a lawn care green zone at town hall - Completed, Up to \$8,700 available at our discretion from community solar sign-ups.
- e. Dan Welsh to review past projects for connecting trail heads in Golden's Bridge and report to the committee - Pending coordination with Lewisboro bicycle and pedestrian committee to discuss connecting the historic goldens bridge trail
  - i. Active discussion with DEP are ongoing
- f. Chris Cocco to provide consolidated Master Plan actions - Ongoing
- g. Chris Cocco to add appendix to Sustainability master plan summarizing proposed projects - Ongoing
- h. Chris Cocco to schedule sustainable plan brainstorming session - Ongoing
- i. Chris Cocco to distinguish between municipal and resident/community action items based on CSC approach - Ongoing

- j. Janet Harckham to draft Committee Mission Statement - Drafted, Committee to review and comment
- k. Chris Coccoaro to compile case studies that review infrastructure end of life cycle cost estimates and cost benefits - Completed
- l. Janet and Robert to check on conducting an interview with the KLSD superintendent - Pending

### **Mission Statement**

- 1. Janet presented a draft of the proposed Committee Mission Statement.
  - a. The Committee will review and provide comments on the mission statement for review at the February meeting.

### **Visit by Joel Smith, Facilities Director, Town Of Lewisboro**

- 1. EV Chargers
  - a. Goldens bridge shopping center is installing up to 12 Blink EV chargers.
  - b. Each Blink Charging station can provide up to \$750 per year per charger to the owner.
  - c. Potential TOL EV locations: Town library, Town Hall, Onatru, Lewisboro Town Park, Schools, Lewisboro Spring Street Commuter Lot.
  - d. Next Steps - Dan Welsh to connect Joel with Blink staff to show them town properties and power supply locations to determine feasibility.
- 2. Onatru Park
  - a. Onatru Farm building improvements
    - i. Joel advised that there is a converted oil-fired boiler that will soon need to be replaced. Joel also indicated that the building is not well insulated and has inefficient windows.
    - ii. Robert recommends conducting an analysis of how investing in energy efficiency improvements may be more cost effective and increase the utility of the property by making it more comfortable on a year-round basis, while reducing its carbon footprint. Improvements might be funded through a combination of rebates and amortizing costs through long-term bond financing that would result in a net-positive cash flow for the Town. Some possible improvements

mentioned include HVAC technologies such as cold climate air source heat pumps, air-to-water heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps, and other common passive house measures such as air sealing, exterior wall insulation, air barrier house wrap, double or triple pane windows.

b. Renewable Energy Projects

- i. Various possible ground mounting locations and building roofs can be considered for solar power
- ii. Potential for wind turbines to power lighting

c. Janet recommended developing an Onatru multi-phase improvement plan / Master Plan

3. Landscaping

- a. Joel confirmed that the town's weed-whackers and chainsaws have been converted to cordless electric
  - i. The town doesn't blow leaves. Leaves are mulched via mowing. Highway department does periodically use a large blower on roads.

## New Business

- Resident Austin Omin, JJHS class President, attended the meeting and provided the following recommendations.
  - Austin recommended adding the school to sign up for community solar programs.
  - Robert recommended that Austin participate in the interview with the KLSO superintendent as a panelist.
  - Janet recommended attending the JJHS learning cafe on April 12th, 2021.

## NOTES

- Next meeting February 10th, 2021

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Janet Harkham to distribute the draft mission statement for review and comment by the Committee
2. Dan Welsh to connect Joel with Blink staff to show them town properties and power supply locations to determine feasibility.

3. Robert Fischman to coordinate with Joel Smith on an analysis of possible improvements, including HVAC technologies such as cold climate air source heat pumps, air-to-water heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps, and other common passive house measures such as air sealing, exterior wall insulation to determine the amortized savings over the life of a bond to justify financing and upgrading the facility. Joel to provide energy use and cost history.
4. Janet Harkham to develop conceptual Onatru multi-phase improvement plan / Master Plan.
5. Robert Fischman to schedule an interview with the KLSD facilities director with Austin Omin as a panelist.
6. Janet Harkham to share the invite for the JJHS learning cafe on April 12th, 2021 with Austin Omin.
7. Christopher Coccaro to coordinate with Dan Welsh on participating in the Town of Lewisboro Steering Committee regarding the Town's Master Plan.