

MONTHLY MEETING, 2/10/2021

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Robert Fischman, Dan Welsh, Tom Kelly, Janet Harckham, Sarah Cocco, and Christopher Cocco

Lewisboro Residents: Adrian DiRusso, Austin Omin

AGENDA

Membership

1. Review draft language for a request for volunteers
 - a. Civic organization - develop letter or email to make contact and presentation to be held at organizations meeting, Sarah Cocco to assist
 - b. General Volunteers - develop flyer or social media campaign to recruit volunteers, Development ongoing
 - c. Letter discussed and agreed to send out to civic organizations
2. Review letter to the editor of the Katonah-Lewisboro Times
 - a. Robert Fischman is developing the letter and will share a draft document with the committee.
3. Invite for the JJHS learning cafe on April 12th, 2021 with Austin Omin.
 - a. Coordination ongoing, update from Janet Harckham to be provided at the next meeting.
 - b. Mary Ford, director of JJHS curriculum, has asked if members of the Committee would like to participate in the weekly JJHS staff development days on Wednesdays. Janet Harckham to coordinate.

Mission Statement

1. Review draft of the proposed Committee Mission Statement.
 - a. No update

Energy Conservation

1. Interview with the KLSO director of facilities
 - a. Coordination is ongoing

Renewable Energy

1. Community Solar Update
 - a. Lewisboro has ~175 sign-ups. Sign-ups and outreach to community members is ongoing.
2. The Committee discussed energy policy through ourenergypolicy.org, <http://www.eenews.net/> and, <http://www.dsireusa.org/>

Alternatives to Automobile Transportation

1. Coordination status with Lewisboro bicycle and pedestrian committee to discuss connecting the historic goldens bridge trail
 - a. Coordination is ongoing
2. Blink EV Charging station coordination status
 - a. Town officials and Blink Charging staff held a meeting to review potential locations for EV chargers around town properties, shopping centers, and parking lots. A proposal has been prepared by Blink Charging to place charging stations in various locations that leverage incentive programs.
 - i. Charge NY - Covers cost of charging stations
 - ii. Make Ready NY - Covers installation of charging stations
 - iii. Proposal to be provided to the board.
 - b. Blink will be providing another proposal to the KLSD for potential installation of charging stations at school properties.
 - c. The Committee will review the proposal and provide comments to the Town Board.
3. Janet Harckham to develop one-page talking points and highlights of EVs.

Green Building Technology

1. Onatru Park building improvements coordination - HVAC, Insulation, Energy efficiency.
 - a. Coordination is ongoing. Joel to provide data on energy usage for Onatru buildings.
2. Onatru multi-phase improvement plan / Master Plan update.
 - a. Committee to review current capital plan for Onatru park facilities and key stakeholders for potential improvements.
 - i. Dan Welsh to determine the status of the current plan and report back to the committee.
3. Update on Scheduling an interview of KLSD facilities director with Austin Omin as a panelist.
 - a. Coordination is ongoing.
 - b. Austin recommended developing a video for sustainability in Lewisboro to be played at the school.

- i. Robert Fischman proposed developing a script and soliciting the school AV club to help produce the video.

Waste and Material Management

1. BitBuc waste converter
 - a. Adrian DiRusso provided a description of the BitBuc waste converter.
<http://www.Bitbuc.net>

Master Plan Development

1. Master Plan update
 - a. Chris Coccaro is continuing to develop the draft plan and will provide to the Committee for review and comment.
2. Schedule sustainable plan brainstorming session
 - a. To be scheduled by Chris Coccaro
3. Town of Lewisboro Steering Committee regarding the Town's Master Plan.
 - a. Coordination is ongoing, Dan Welsh to coordinate with Steering Committee and report back to the Committee

New Business

- NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities - new rubrik out
- Add to next month's agenda: Discussing integrating sustainability into education using Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) as a resource
- Add to next month's agenda: Discuss the adoption of New York State Stretch Codes
- Tom Kelly reached out to Jay Luzzi who is a Lewisboro Library Board member to gauge the library's interest in joining the Westchester Group Business Partnership. He said he was interested in January when they spoke.
- Tom Kelly recommended we find a resource similar to AASHE that Mary Ford could utilize to integrate sustainability into the curriculum such as the UN SDG which could be incorporated from elementary through high school education.
- There is a limited time offer to take advantage of the RETScreen software which is a free energy-use modeling software that could be used for the Town Master Plan, Onatru energy conservation project, and school energy projects.
- There is an opportunity for committee members to take advantage of a discounted energy code training for classes taken during February with the Urban Green Council. Committee members that are interested should contact Tom Kelly.
- Senate Bill S-1185A: Extended Producer Responsibility Act

- Janet Harckham to distribute bill language and draft form letters of support.
- April 10th NYS will host a climate reality retreat
 - https://climaterealityproject.org/apply/chapters?_ga=2.42627749.1619182855.1613006862-161329715.1613006862

NOTES

- Next meeting March 10th, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

1. Robert Fischman and Sarah Cocco: Complete letter to invite civic organizations and volunteers to join the Sustainability Committee.
2. Robert Fischman is developing a Katonah-Lewisboro Times letter to the editor and will share a draft document with the committee.
3. Janet Harckham to coordinate with KLSD Learning Cafe on April 12th and how the Sustainability Committee can support the event.
4. Janet Harckham to coordinate with Mary Ford, director of JJHS curriculum, regarding if the Committee would like to participate in the weekly JJHS staff development days on Wednesdays.
5. Janet Harckham to provide the draft Mission Statement with the Committee for review and comment.
6. Robert Fischman to provide the Blink Charging proposal to the Committee for review and comment.
7. Janet Harckham to develop one-page talking points and highlights of EVs.
8. Dan Welsh to coordinate with the Town Building Department regarding data on energy usage for Onatru buildings.
9. Dan Welsh to determine the status of the current plan and report back to the committee.
10. Robert Fischman to coordinate with Austin Omin regarding a sustainability-based video for the KLSD.
11. Chris Cocco is continuing to develop the draft plan and will provide to the Committee for review and comment.
12. Chris Cocco to schedule a sustainable plan brainstorming session.
13. Dan Welsh to coordinate with Steering Committee regarding the Town Master Plan and report back to the Committee
14. Tom Kelly to coordinate with the Lewisboro Library Board regarding the Westchester Group Business Partnership

15. Tom Kelly to coordinate with Mary Ford on sustainability-based curriculum that could be integrated in the KLSD.