

# MONTHLY MEETING, 2/10/2022

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## Meeting Details:

Date: February 10, 2022

Time: 7:30PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93525230201?pwd=YmNHbENjWDFsb21pZGs2bHc5WnNudz09>

## ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Robert Fischman, Sarah Cocco, Chris Cocco, Bob Karpel, Tom Kelly

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Lewisboro Residents: Dan Nadler, Mier Alkon, Austin Omin, Steven Miller

## AGENDA

### Acceptance of the January Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept by Robert Fischman, Second by Sarah Cocco and unanimously approved

### Food Scrap Recycling

1. Food Scrap Recycling Update - Jessica Gallagher, Sarah Cocco
  - a. Janet Harckham will be proposing to have the scrap food recycling location be at the Elementary School that is currently being used as an auxiliary town office building.
  - b. RFP for haulers may need to be re-issued, the RFP has been sent to the Town Board for review. If needed, bids would be due by April 1st, 2022.
  - c. Locations to sell kits at local farmer markets: Gossets Farmer Market, John Jay Homestead, and others.

### Membership

1. Lewisboro Library Volunteer Fair speaker - Robert Fischman
  - a. February 26, 2022
2. 2022 Committee Membership and letters of recommendation to the Town Board - Robert Fischman
  - a. The Town Board will propose at Monday Town Board to expand the committee size based on the number of people that were nominated.

3. 2022 Committee Positions - Chris Coccaro
  - a. Committee position document was reviewed and will be uploaded to the Town website.

## **Communications**

1. Outreach/Marketing Campaign - Sarah Coccaro & Dianne Perfit
  - a. Sarah requested topics from the group for social media posts.
  - b. Upcoming posts and topics - NY ban on polystyrene,
  - c. Dan Welsh will add Sarah Coccaro as an admin for the Lewisboro Sustainability Facebook account.
  - d. Proposed to develop a “green” town newsletter option that would subscribe people to a subset of town committees. Coordination with other committees and the town will be needed to complete.

## **Events**

1. Earth Day Event - Chris Coccaro
  - a. Current plan is a kick off event for the Food Scrap Recycling Program
  - b. Potential Back-up programs
    - i. Guided nature walks
    - ii. Roadway / litter clean up
    - iii. EV demonstration day
    - iv. Electric Lawn Equipment Rebates
2. Community Solar Campaign - Dan Welsh
  - a. Coordination with Sustainable Westchester has been completed, kick-off date is pending.
3. Landscaping Rebate Program - Robert Fischman
  - a. Current plan is to kick off the program in the spring.
  - b. Final vendor list will be set by February 19th.

## **Town of Lewisboro Coordination**

1. Letter Recommending Adoption of Stretch Code - Robert Fischman
  - a. Town Board will propose adoption of the stretch code will be moved to March 14th
  - b. Town would need to enact the stretch code by June 2022 to qualify for Clean Energy Communities Credit.
2. EV Charging Proposal - Dan Welsh & Robert Fischman
  - a. NYSDEC application was not accepted.

- b. Blink has provided two proposals for EV chargers
  - i. Town-owned equipment: ~\$100,000
  - ii. Blink-owned equipment, owned for 9-years where Blink would set the charging rates.

## **Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community**

1. Climate Smart Community Accreditation Status - Dan Welsh and Tom Kelly
  - a. The committee has reviewed the action items that are needed to achieve bronze level status and will develop a plan to achieve them.
  - b. Greenhouse Gas Inventory - Dan Welsh
    - i. Dan and Tom will develop an RFP for GHG inventory and benchmarking.
2. Clean Energy Community High Impact Action Items - Robert Fischman
  - a. Building code inspector training - Coordinating a training program that qualifies for PDH credits and clean energy community credit.
  - b. Committee will run a community solar and clean heating campaigns for these action items. The Clean Heat Campaign will need 5 homes to make energy improvements where 3 of them include heat pumps.
3. Community Energy Coach Program - Robert Fischman
  - a. This could be moved to a campaign or funded under a grant.

## **Funding and Grants**

1. Grant funding and status - Tom Kelly
  - a. NYSERDA will be receiving funding from the RGGI funds to support heat pump programs. Timing for these rebates is currently unknown.

## **New Business**

1. None

## **NOTES**

- Next meeting March 10, 2022

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Robert Fischman - Confirm with Town Board if the hauler RFP for food scraps must be re-issued

2. Janet Harckham - Propose to the KLSD School Board that the scrap food recycling location be at the Elementary School
3. Robert Fischman - Upload committee position document to Town website
4. Dan Welsh - Add Sarah Cocco as an admin for the Lewisboro Sustainability Facebook account.
5. Robert Fischman - Confirm vendor list for electric landscaping equipment rebate program
6. Dan Welsh and Tom Kelly - Develop an RFP for GHG inventory and benchmarking