

MONTHLY MEETING, 3/10/2022

Meeting Details:

Time: Mar 10, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99888675856?pwd=VFFhSG5yZlYdklyRlBpSjV0dUdEUT09>

Meeting ID: 998 8867 5856

Passcode: 410087

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Robert Fischman, Christopher Coccaro, Sarah Coccaro,

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Lewisboro Residents: Michelle Glass Blum, Robert Whittaker, Meir Alkon

Speakers: Claire Kokoska, Sustainable Westchester

AGENDA

Acceptance of the February Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept the minutes by Robert Fischman, second by Sarah Coccaro and unanimously approved.

Food Scrap Recycling

1. Food Scrap Recycling Update - Jessica Gallagher, Sarah Coccaro
 - a. KLSD Board agreed in principle with locating the food scrap program at the LES.
 - b. KLSD will confirm internally if a formal approval is needed.
 - c. The Town Board is evaluating if a revised RFP for waste hauling is required and will propose to request the funds needed to provide waste hauling from April through December.

Membership

1. Lewisboro Library Volunteer Fair speaker - Robert Fischman
 - a. Robert presented on behalf of the committee regarding ongoing efforts and membership opportunities for residents.
2. 2022 Committee Membership and letters of recommendation to the Town Board - Robert Fischman
 - a. Nominations are still pending.
 - b. The committee was approved to expand to 11 members
3. 2022 Committee Positions - Chris Coccaro

- a. Committee mission and roles have been uploaded to the town website.
- b. The committee webpage will be streamlined by Robert to make the information more accessible.

Speaker

- 1. Community Solar Campaign - Claire Kokoska, Sustainable Westchester
 - a. Claire provided a slideshow about community solar and potential grant funding opportunities.

Events

- 1. Earth Day Event - Chris Coccaro
 - a. An educational webinar and/or live event will be focused on kicking off the food scraps program
 - i. Prepare an article for KL times
 - ii. Social media posts
 - iii. Sustainability newsletter
- 2. Community Solar Campaign - Dan Welsh
 - a. Claire Kokoska provided a presentation on Sustainable Westchester's supporting materials for community solar campaigns.
 - b. Meir Alkon will take the lead on launching the campaign
- 3. Landscaping Rebate Program - Robert Fischman
 - a. In coordination with retailers within and around Lewisboro.
 - b. Potentially will place a roll-off dumpster at the Town recycling center to collect gas-powered trade-in equipment for a \$100 rebate
 - c. Residents can get a \$50 rebate without trading in old equipment
 - d. Meir, Robert, Sarah, and Dan to confirm the action items provided in Sarah Coccaro's rebate program meeting notes (provided under separate cover).

Town of Lewisboro Coordination

- 1. Letter Recommending Adoption of Stretch Code - Robert Fischman
 - a. Matt Evans of Newport Ventures will provide a presentation on adoption of the stretch code at Monday's Town Board Meeting.
- 2. EV Charging Proposal - Dan Welsh & Robert Fischman
 - a. Town supervisor recommends that we do not go forward with the proposal where Blink owns the equipment.
 - b. Tentatively NYSDEC will have another grant opportunity in June 2022. We will plan on applying for another grant at that time.

Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community

- 1. Climate Smart Community Accreditation Plan - Dan Welsh and Tom Kelly
 - a. Dan and Tom are evaluating potential steps and actions to be taken.
 - b. Dan and Tom will provide a plan of CSC actions to complete to achieve Bronze status in 2022 for review at the next meeting.
- 2. Clean Energy Community High Impact Action Items - Robert Fischman
 - a. Building department will evaluate the use of the unified solar permit by the town.
 - b. The building inspector has agreed to take code enforcement training

- c. Tom Kelly has received approval from SUNY Purchase to host a code enforcement training event on campus after the spring semester.
- d. Currently we have 2,700 points accrued.

Funding and Grants

1. Grant funding and status - Tom Kelly
 - a. No update

New Business

1. Robert Whittaker recommended developing climate change discussion around town to provide educational opportunities for town residents and an initiative to reduce single-use plastic items like cutlery for take out orders.

NOTES

- Next meeting April 14, 2022

ACTION ITEMS

1. Meir Alkon - Take the lead on launching the community solar campaign
2. Robert Fischman - Streamline the committee webpage to make the information more accessible
3. Christopher Coccaro - Develop a webinar slide deck describing the food scrap recycling program
4. Meir, Robert, Sarah, and Dan - Confirm final details for rebate program
5. Dan Welsh and Tom Kelly - Provide a plan of CSC actions to complete to achieve Bronze status in 2022 for review at the next meeting