

MONTHLY MEETING, 8/18/2022

Meeting Details:

Time: August 18, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81699875683?pwd=ZTU3aTlmWm83VDFOK2V5aTQ4bzBEUT09>

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Robert Fischman, Bob Karpel, Meir Alkon, Christopher Cocco

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Lewisboro Residents: Andrea Rojas

County Executive: George Latimer

AGENDA

Acceptance of the July Meeting Minutes

1. July meeting minutes were accepted

Membership

1. 2022 Committee Membership - Robert Fischman
 - a. There is a current opening on the committee

Events

1. Landscaping Rebate Program - Meir Alkon & Robert Fischman
 - a. Program has been completed, 56 residents exchanged gas-powered landscaping equipment for vouchers to purchase battery-powered electric gear
 - b. Committee held a lessons learned with surrounding municipalities
 - c. Robert Fischman will provide a synopsis to the office of the County Executive

Town of Lewisboro Coordination

1. Food Scrap Recycling Update - Robert Fischman
 - a. The lock on one of the bins is broken and needs to be repaired
 - b. Anecdotes of residents not being able to open the bins, committee should review additional signage so it is clear to residents how to operate the bins
2. Adoption of Stretch Code - Dan Welsh
 - a. No update

Climate Smart Community and Clean Energy Community

1. Climate Smart Community Accreditation Plan - Dan Welsh and Tom Kelly
 - a. No update
2. Clean Energy Community High Impact Action Items - Robert Fischman
 - a. Community Solar Campaign - Meir Alkon
 - b. EnergySmart Homes Campaign
 - c. Unified Solar Permit
 - i. Committee will review with new building inspector
 - ii. Robert and Tony will coordinate for adoption
 - d. EV Charging stations
 - i. Review potential for private public partnership for EV charging locations
 - ii. Coordinating with Blink EV for charging station options
 - e. Clean Energy Upgrades
 - i. Coordinating with building department to review eligible buildings and upgrades
 - f. Clean Heating & Cooling Demo

New Business

1. Westchester County sustainability efforts and needs
 - a. Committee members discussed ongoing local programs with County Executive Latimer and ideas for collaboration that might warrant support from Westchester County.
2. Inflation Reduction Act: Climate action in Lewisboro
 - a. Discussed the climate initiatives in the newly enacted federal legislation that could benefit Lewisboro residents and ways in which the committee can make the community aware of these opportunities.
3. Lewisboro Library Fair: September 17, 2022
 - a. Robert Fischman stated that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee had offered to share a table with the Sustainability Committee. Robert to coordinate. Committee members were reminded of the need to attend and staff the table.

NOTES

- Next meeting September 15, 2022

ACTION ITEMS

1. Robert Fischman will provide a synopsis of the EV lawn equipment program to the office of the County Executive
2. Robert Fischman to address the potential adoption of the NYS Unified Solar Permit use with building department through Supervisor Tony Gonçalves