

Town of Lewisboro Sustainability Committee

MONTHLY MEETING, 3/16/2023

Meeting Details:

Time: March 16, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87482637402?pwd=bFl6OXNFZ3RxZ1RUaExlWEIxQ2M4dz09>

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Christopher Coccaro, Bob Karpel, Jessica Gallagher, Austin Omin, Robert Fischman, Andrea Rojas, Sarah Coccaro

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Lewisboro Residents:

AGENDA

Acceptance of the February Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Robert Fischman, Second by Bob Karpel and unanimously accepted

2023 Sustainability Committee

1. 2023 Committee Roles

Waste Reduction Initiatives

1. Food Scrap Recycling - Jessica Gallagher
 - a. Fox Valley and Onatru sites are operational and ready for food scraps.
 - b. Starter kits and additional toters have been ordered.
 - i. Available for purchase through parks and rec or through Town Clerk.
 - c. Tony has requested the facilities department construct platforms for the bins at each drop off location.
2. Curbside Compost Pilot Program
 - a. Bedford conducted a small scale pilot program for curbside food scrap collection.
 - b. DEC grant can provide up to 50% of collection costs for food scrap recycling

3. Compost give back day
 - a. 20 yards of compost would be delivered. We need to determine the date, drop off location, storage, and method for distribution.
 - i. Opportunity for collaboration with Garden Club on compost distribution
 - ii. Dan Welsh will reach out to the Garden Club to coordinate
4. Paintcare Trade-in Program - Andrea Rojas
 - a. Primary date: May 6th
 - b. Primary Location: Spring Street Commuter Lot
 - i. Secondary Location: Town Recycling Center
 - c. Dan Welsh will coordinate with Tony to confirm the lot is town property and can be used for the event.

Town Coordination

1. Town Recycling Website - Bob Karpel
 - a. Two correction need to be made:
 - i. 1st paragraph - revise text to say "The Recycling Center will be open on Saturday mornings from 9:00am until noon. Please check the town website to confirm the facility is open."
 - ii. Last paragraph - Co-mingled glass, metal, and Plastic (number 1 through 7). Newspapers & magazines can be placed in a separate container. Cardboard should be flattened.
2. Town Recycling Costs to the Town - Bob Karpel
 - a. eWaste collections pricing has shifted from the vendors due to new law.
 - b. As of last month, the town was not charged for eWaste collection.
3. Recycling Center Staffing - Bob Karpel
 - a. Requisition for recycling center staff will be opened
5. Town Employee Sustainability Lead - Dan Welsh
 - a. No update

Clean Energy Initiatives

1. Community Solar Campaign Funds - Dan Welsh
 - a. Committee members should review the proposed ideas and vote for their preferred options
2. Solar Code update - Dan Welsh
 - a. Draft Town Code language for revised solar code will be developed for review and comment

New Business

1. Solarize Campaign Pricing for Inverter Hardware
 - a. Residents that participated in the solarize campaign 5 years ago noted that the app that reports to the inverter stopped working on Dec 31, 2022 because 3g wireless systems

were sunsetted by wireless companies. Because of the outage the modem is not reporting the power then the residents. The potential cost to re-install is potentially \$1,200, however the pricing could be negotiated/coupled to be as low as ~\$480.

- b. Robert Fischman will coordinate with Apex and solarize campaign residents to facilitate necessary repairs.
2. Other Community Events in the area
 - a. Pound Ridge Scotts Corner Market - Saturday, April 22nd. Rain Date is Sunday April 23rd.
 - b. Bedford 2030 Earth Day, Bedford Hills Train Station - May 7th, 12pm-3pm
 - c. City of Rye Sustainability Fair - robert@sustainablepromise.com What date?
 - d. John Jay High School Tree-plenish Event - April 22nd
 - e. John Jay Sustainability Celebration - April 25th
 - f. Lewisboro Lacrosse Family Fun Fest Day - Saturday April 15th, Onatru Park, 12-4pm

NOTES

- Next meeting April 20, 2023

ACTION ITEMS

1. Dan Welsh and Jessica Gallagher to coordinate compost dropoff event
2. Christopher Cocco to update town website's recycling page
3. Dan Welsh will coordinate with Tony to confirm the lot is town property and can be used for the event
4. Committee members should review the proposed ideas for community solar funds and vote for their preferred options
5. Dan Welsh will draft language for revised solar town code for review and comment
6. Robert Fischman will coordinate with Apex and solarize campaign residents to facilitate necessary repairs