

MONTHLY MEETING, 7/20/2023

Meeting Details:

Time: July 20, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Christopher Coccaro, Robert Whittaker, Robert Fischman, Tom Kelly, Andrea Rojas, Bob Karpel

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Lewisboro Residents:

AGENDA

Acceptance of the June Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept the meeting minutes from Bob Fishman, Second by Tom Kelly. Unanimously accepted

Waste Reduction Initiatives

1. Paintcare Trade-in Program - Tom Kelly
 - a. Event in Purchase was held on June 20th, approximately 200 cars dropped off paint.
 - b. We will schedule another PaintCare event in spring 2024
2. Recycling Center - Bob Karpel
 - a. Dan Welsh will follow up to confirm the attendant hiring process is completed.
 - b. Robert Whittaker will add a sign that indicates plastic bags are not recyclable and should not be used for single stream recyclables.
 - c. Bob Fischman and Bob Karpel will coordinate on how additional materials can be recycled at our facility including plastic bags and other materials.
3. Food Scrap Recycling Bins - Chris Coccaro
 - a. Chris Coccaro and Dan Welsh to coordinate with Suburban Carting, Highway Department, and Supervisor Office to coordinate best path forward for either cleaning or placing bags within each toter.
 - b. Chris Coccaro and Dan Welsh to coordinate with Town Supervisor and building department on construction of platforms for food scrap platforms

Town Coordination

1. Sustainability Coordinator concept
 - a. Additional coordination needed to facilitate position development

Energy

1. Solar Campaign Funds - Dan Welsh
 - a. Committee member should review and vote on potential ideas for funds
2. Solar Code - Tom Kelly
 - a. Coordination is ongoing
3. GHG Inventory - Dan Welsh
 - a. Dan Welsh demonstrated a carbon emission tracker that shows emission levels based on zip code.
4. Direct Pay tax credits-Bob Fischman
 - a. As a result of the Inflation Reduction Act passage, non profits, religious ed, municipalities now have a pathway to proceed with improvements for renewable energy which can receive a tax credit from 30% base credit to up to 50% if use american made materials and pay prevailing wages, each worth 10% apiece.

New Business

1. Food - Proposal by Nick Lung-Bugenski to create an Orchard in the way back unused field at Onatru : does the committee have interest, possible Garden Club collaboration
2. Marketing Budget
 - a. A motion was made by Tom Kelly to allocate \$1,500 from Community Solar funds to facilitate marketing materials including signage, flyers, and other associated outreach
 - i. Second by Robert Whittaker
 - ii. Unanimously accepted
 - b. Possible
3. Sustainability Open House - Dan Welsh

NOTES

- Next meeting August 17, 2023

ACTION ITEMS

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