

MONTHLY MEETING, 11/16/2023

Meeting Details:

Time: November 16, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Christopher Cocco, Bob Fischman, Robert Whittaker, Bob Karpel, Andrea Rojas, Meir Alkon, Tom Kelly

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Local Residents: Barbara Mangione (Lewisboro), Rebecca Woolfe (Somers)

Presenters: Nicole Pellagrino - Helpsy

AGENDA

Acceptance of the September and October Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept the September and October meeting minutes by Chris, Second by Robert Whittaker and was unanimously accepted.

Waste Reduction Initiatives

1. Helpsy Bin Presentation - Bob Fischman
 - a. Presentation provided by Nicole Pellagrino describing how Helpsy, a certified B-corp, collects clothing and other materials for re-use and recycling.
 - b. Helpsy will provide a copy of the Municipal Agreement for review and recommendations to the Town Board.
2. Food Scrap Recycling Bins - Chris Cocco
 - a. Draft RFP is being developed that will include bin cleaning as an option task.
3. Recycling Facility Attendant - Bob Karpel
 - a. Prospective candidate will be at the recycling center on Saturday
4. Recycling for Town Events - Dan Welsh
 - a. No update

Energy

1. CREST Grant Solar Project - Bob Fischman
 - a. Bob provided a summary of the CREST grant process, meetings with members of the garden club, and discussions with town employees to identify and review alternative projects.

2. Electric Vehicle Chargers - Chris Coccaro
 - a. Cylus Russel Community House
 - b. Town Hall
 - c. Vista Park
 - d. Committee will review potential options and provide a recommendation to the Town Board

New Business

1. Bob Fischman and Chris Coccaro met with Chris Burdick and his staff to discuss inclusion of bike and pedestrian lanes during the route 35 repaving program. In addition they will help to repair some of the major potholes found on the road.
2. Andrea Rojas asked for interest by the committee to support a junior-high school student mentoring program focused on Sustainability and Resiliency.
3. There are currently three options for Town residents to donate textiles via Helpsy bins, according to their website donation bins are located at:
 - a. Vista Farms, 380 Smith Ridge Road, South Salem, NY 10590, USA
 - b. Community Center of Northern Westchester - Thrift Store, 84 Bedford Rd. Katonah, NY 10536, USA
 - c. Jimmy's Roadside Tavern, 156 Bedford Rd. Katonah, NY 10536, USA

NOTES

- Next meeting December 21, 2023

ACTION ITEMS

1. Helpsy will provide a copy of the Municipal Agreement for review and recommendations to the Town Board
2. Chris Coccaro and Jessica Gallagher develop Draft RFP that will include bin cleaning as an option task