



Climate Smart Communities

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CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
March 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

Attendees: GV, JW, CS, TW, MW, JF, CH, EM

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2019 meeting

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All agreed the minutes were accurate. No objections.

3. Jill Falchi and Greg Mumby, from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, re: Clean Energy Community designation for Austerlitz, and grant opportunities and timing.

Greg Mumby could not attend. Jill Falchi informed the committee that Austerlitz is now a NYSERDA officially designated Clean Energy Community. Jill discussed how the town can now apply for up to \$35,000 in grant money if the money is used to reduce greenhouse gasses. More discussions will be had. However, the time limit for using the money is short, i.e. by September 30 so obtaining and using a grant may not be feasible.

Town still awaiting official designation notice. 3 months to apply,
Greg Mumby will write entire application.

4. Representation by Austerlitz on the Columbia County Environmental Management Council.

The committee was informed that Cara Humphrey will be nominated to replace Jim Murray as the Austerlitz representative on the Columbia County Environmental Management Council. Cara is currently the representative from Chatham but is moving this month to Austerlitz. Cara has an extensive background in the electric vehicle and solar energy industries. The vote will take place at the regular town board meeting on Thursday, March 21.

5. CPOC.. to distribute wording to Greg

6. Status of Current Initiatives

- a. Electric Vehicle Charging Station (Greg)... 5 unique users
- b. LED Street Lighting (Chris)...will f/u w Marilyn at NYSEG on status
- c. Inventory/Benchmarking (Jere)...provide data to the public once a year
- d. Unified Solar Permit (Maureen). This was approved at the last town board meeting and is now a required permit in Austerlitz for all solar installations.

Next sourcing town from solar, education

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 7:00 pm.