



Climate Smart Communities

Minutes
CLIMATE COMMITTEE
February 17, 2021 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

Attendees: GV, TS, DV, MW, CS, JW, CH, HB, JH, PR

1. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2021 meeting

No objections noted, all are in favor.

2. Featured Discussions:

- a. Community Solar. Jill Henck discussed the differences between Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Community Solar (CS). CCA changes the default energy supply for all residents to all renewable energy supply with an individual's right to opt out. Economies of scale could result in lower supply rates. CS is not purchasing supply but buying monetary credits, often up to 10%. Individuals sign up by themselves.

Greg to setup meeting with Cara, Jill, Maureen and me: next steps, re CS.

- b. CPOC questionnaire. Tim reported that CPOC is in the process of developing a town wide questionnaire. Climate related questions have been submitted to be included in the survey. Tim will review and revise as needed.
- c. RSF Social Finance. A grant of \$8,600 to fund a volunteer to help assist the town to get to, or have a plan to get to, Bronze Climate

Smart Community status has been awarded to the town. A formal Award Letter is pending as is the actual payment. Much thanks to Paige Ruane for leading this effort. The volunteer selected – DeeAnn Veeder – went through a formal vetting and was selected as the best candidate.

3. Reports (quick updates):

- a. Garage Solar. Greg reported that Nyseg has informed him they can now read the solar output the panels are generating.
- b. LED Street Lighting. DeeAnn will followup with Nyseg on where they stand.
- c. Benchmarking/Inventory for CSC
- d. EMC ... Michael O'Hara is new leader, A county CSC Task Force has been chosen.
- e. Website, press release
- f. Facebook
- g. CPOC ... see above
- h. Emails, none from town residents.

4. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00 pm.