

**Austerlitz Climate Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 8, 2022**

**Present**

Kathryn Beilke  
Jere Wrightsman  
Chris Schober  
Maureen Wilson  
Tim Stalker  
Paige Ruane  
Haley Balcanoff  
Cara Humphrey  
Jeff O'Donnell  
Johnathan Miller

**Minutes**

- [1/11/23 minutes](#) approved by consensus

**Process Notes**

- Discussed CAP
  - Timeline of approval process for the CAP
    - What is the best way to introduce it to the public and include it in the comp plan?
    - Discussed suggested edits
    - We will delay the public outreach at minimum by a month
    - Draft will be presented to board for review but won't adopt until after comment period
- Started work on Climate Adaptation and Vulnerability Study
  - Who would like to volunteer to work on it?
  - Will be working with a cohort that includes Canaan, New Lebanon and Ghent
  - First meeting was on 1/24
    - [video of meeting here](#)
    - slides presented attached
- Heard from NYSERDA that our grant funds are available– just need to submit
  - 5k for clean heating & cooling
  - Timeline for spending it?
  - Goes in the bank to spend later
- Were granted the RSF grant
  - Let Maureen know when \$ comes in
- JW sent the Town Attorney a proposed resolution on who the members of the committee are
  - Waiting to hear back
- Repair Cafe update by CH
  - March 4th from 10-2
  - As many from this group who can help out then would be great
  - Location is Town Hall
  - A couple bike repair folks may be in a tent outside– could attract some folks bc right before cycling season
  - Got the beginnings of a first draft flier–CH shared w/MW

- End of week will be ready, second iteration after we learn which repair people will be there
- CH reached out to press
- MW: Moi will be the bike person– easy to work with
- Will set up the Friday before– would be helpful if people came then
  - Late afternoon– they are flexible
- Please spread the word
- If you find a fixer, let them know
- If people know of a knife sharpener, that would be great
- Any snacks you want to contribute would be great
- Have about 10 fixers signed up
- Town is proceeding with an RFP for the History Center
- Will put a notice out about trees for tribs and encourage owners to apply for it
  - Will give an email draft for Sue to blast

#### [Accounting for CSC grants and funds](#)

- No additional monies received in January

Next Climate Committee meeting is **Wednesday, March 8 at 7pm, Town Hall (second Wednesdays of the month)**

Next Comprehensive Planning meeting is **Thursday February 9 at 6:30, Town Hall**

Next Town Board Meeting is **February 16 at 7pm, Town Hall**

#### **To Review Before Next Meeting:**

- [Best Practices](#)