

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