

**Town of Stuyvesant
Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting
April 25, 2023**

Present: William Schneider, Maria Ausherman, Lee Jamison, Hannah Shepard, Paula Van Meter

Absent: Brian Chittenden, Kathryn Schneider, Bob Green

Partners for Climate Action Mixer: Lee Jamison and Kathy and Bill Schneider attended. There were two speakers, one from DEC and EPA. Most of the programs they discussed were for municipalities, not rural towns.

Trex Recycling: Carol reported that the library is recycling plastic film such as plastic sheeting, bubble wrap, bread wrappers etc. Eligible organizations can receive up to two Trex benches for each five pounds of plastic collected. Because the town supports the library financially, the Director, Matt Pavlov has arranged for the Stuyvesant to get credit for all the plastic that is currently being donated at the library. As of our meeting we have been credited with 265 lbs.

Ron Knott has said that he thinks the town can use a bench at the gazebo at the Stuyvesant Falls playground. Everyone present thought that was a good first location.

Carol has made arrangements for a collection bin that will be located at town hall. Carol has received a small poster that will be displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance to Town Hall with an added note that donations can also be made at the library. Melissa Naegeli will also put a post about this program on the Town Facebook page.

Digester Demo: Carol attended and reported that it looks like an interesting project. There are collection bins at various transfer stations, including Kinderhook. The digester is located at the transfer station in Greenport, and it has a 1000-pound capacity. This project is just getting started so time will tell if it works. The county will be putting out more information to the general public.

Information Card: Maria presented a final version, which was reviewed. A word change in one line was needed and Maria will make that change. Also, because there was a “white” space on the back of the card it was suggested that the town logo be added to let people know that we are connected to the town. At the end of the meeting Bill and Maria approached Ron Knott, who was present for another meeting. He forwarded the ship logo that is used on the town letter head. Maria will arrange for the corrections and the addition of the logo. It was agreed that 100 would be printed and Maria offered to donate the cost of the printing. The cards will be available at town events, and some will be left on the counter at Town Hall.

Heat Pumps: Bill has reached out to the person that helped set up the county webinar on heat pumps but has yet to hear back. It was decided that we will pursue having a public informational meeting on heat pumps. Bill is taking the lead.

Nature in Your Community Workshop at CGCC: Lee, Maria, and Paula are signed up to attend.

Hannah's Spread Sheet/Next Six Months: We discussed the status of items that are in progress and the items we think we can accomplish this year including what has been accomplished thus far. Items 6-12, 16, 17, 21 are included in those categories. Many items require checking with Ron about recent upgrades that have been completed or are in progress by the town. Some just require paperwork to be submitted. We also know that we are required to post the town resolution and meeting minutes. I contacted Melissa and if we give them too her in PDF format, she will put them on the town website under our committee. Kathy has offered to convert the meeting notes distributed by email into documents for posting.

Maria's work on the postcard will be a first step in informing the public.

Bill will check to how the town deals with recycling paper.

Meeting Dates: We decided that meetings will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Town Hall. This year we will NOT meet on December 26, 2023. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2023.