

Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

January 19, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, Zoom

All Present: Rich Stalzer, Kathy Chow, Chris Virtuoso, Andrew Stayman, Rhiannon Leo-Jamison, Laurie Kerr, Claire Goodman, Chris Kennan, Deborah Maier.

Minutes from December 15, 2022 were approved.

Chow thanked Andrew for making the **Hot List** chart which will be updated following each meeting.

Rhiannon announced she is stepping back from being an active member of the Task Force but will continue to post our social media and she and the library will partner with us wherever they can. Chow thanked her for being a really important member from the very beginning. She will be missed!

Chow will follow up with the Laurie and the Village to go through the **Complete Streets** policy Rhiannon drafted with Jenn. It's unclear if we will have CSC Bronze help from Cornell so we need to get started.

A new **social media** volunteer is needed. Meanwhile, Rich will step in. He also does Rail Trail SM, though not an expert.

Claire / Chris V – Earth Day 2023.

Chris showed his Agenda

Program: Lawn is the main event. Host tent, Student creation station, Raffle. "GET Your Green On" Challenge (Michael will be the barker). Chris wants to get a Screen, iPads, wheel to make it lively and visible. CSC will highlight accomplishments: EV station, bronze plaque (in a prominent place). Tell the CSC story and educate. QR Treasure hunt around town. Chef / food subjects in the main tent (e.g., food scraps...). Show pictures from the infrared camera, show Indow and Sealed samples, props like Rich's Eco tools Rich Chris K battery and cooktop. Chris's battery, make popcorn on it!. Chow will F/U with Kak at Cornell about displays of invasives and bugs. Invite Central Hudson and vendors / suppliers. Rail Trail, Rob Cooper, Bash Bish Bicycles, Amenia, and Dover. Deborah will work with students: poster contest, costume. Poetry slam with Webutuck English department. Could include other schools. Annex is alternate for performance. To be scheduled on Saturday afternoon. Library has indoor and outside loudspeaker. Use poems around village like NYC poetry in Motion – managed by Laurie's partner Alice Quinn. Laurie can introduce Alice to Deborah. Raffle was successful in 2022. Decide what to raise money for this year: Possibly Adopt a Family. Chris V will talk to Jenn N and Stacey. Rail Trail can have a table – sneak peek of new signage. NE Ford should exhibit in a tent. Chris V to coordinate with the events committee at NECC.

Logistics: Eleni said yes to using the Millerton Inn Green for Earth Day. Claire and Chris V will meet with her. Rhiannon will help with updating the insurance certificate. In case of bad weather, the Church said OK to move indoors (it's also the farmer's market first day) or we can use the Library Annex. Chris K warned about parking constraints and being to spread out. Folks will come for one event (e.g., the lawn events, the movie, or the poetry slam.)

Promotion: Make video Green Talks or snippets to put on Social Media. Extend publicity to the Millerton News, HVCAN, Townscape, NECC, other towns. Cathy Fenn will help with Local Eateries including promotion, marketing. MBA's Cathy F and Claire can help with merchants to promote Earth Day and especially supplemental programming. Also contact Dana Scarpo of Designer Finds, she is the new MBA chair.

Supplemental programming: Moviehouse screening and QA can be Sunday (like the old Film Forums). Coordinate with Jeremy and Helen. Last year's movie got only one family. Can be a film recommended by Cary or Doug Tallamy's new webinar. Add other communities: Dover and Amenia. Jennifer will speak with the new Salisbury Forum head.

The April (Earth Day) **Main Street article** this year should be about more than the Village charger, NYS Plans. Laurie proposes continuing about electrification but highlighting the biggest Climate Change contributors: cars and houses. People want to know what's really important: prioritization. The angle: Laurie did the math on EV's. How much carbon & air pollution comes from our OWN actions.

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Chris K: **Landfill methane monitoring** is stalled. The contractor (already signed on) is confirming with DEC that the method they'll use will give the best results (e.g., what time of year to measure). Monitoring needs to precede planning for the solar installation so no update yet.

Chow showed Andrew's Hot List highlighting active items:
Andrew will work on **Green Power**.

The village DID and WILL include our messages in the **water bills**. :-) The format will always be a separate page of announcements. We will need to coordinate with the clerk in the future during the last 2 weeks of each quarter - in prep for mailing first week of each new quarter. Next enclosure will be about Earth Day with a reminder about Bulk Trash Day.

Kristen Wilson will help with grants. Chris K and Chow will meet with her.

Web updates are needed. Some segments are already outdated. (E.g., the extensive EV review.) New articles, writers, subjects are sought.

Highway garage plantings appear stalled – Rich will talk to Chris K.

Claire will talk to MBA about **Road Salt**. Chow will give her talking points.
Chris will talk with Bob Stevens about **Brine**

Chris / Andrew / Chow will meet with Josh about **Planning for Emergencies**. Review priorities in advance from Comp Plan and CSRP and Town Binder, CSC Vulnerability study action.

Chow will give a **CSC Actions tutorial** for Claire, Deborah, Chris V.

Andrew & Laurie will work on **Village Solar** and **Benchmarking** village buildings coordinating with the Village Clerk / Cole.

Check it out:

Claire Wegh of HVA held the first 2023 **Tenmile River Collaborative** meeting Jan. 17. Focus is now on education and connecting public to the river. See NE / Millerton projects in their Plan. The plan can help supporting grant applications.

<https://climatesmartmillerton.org/government/#TMRWatershedPlan>

- NE/Millerton joint highway garage project: pages 152-4
- Millerton's Century Boulevard drainage: pages 155-6
- Millerton storm drain improvements: page 157.

Columbia Land Conservancy did a great talk called '**Follow the Forest**' about contiguous and core forests - where they are and what to protect (and how to weigh in and contribute to the study).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L8JykyFStY>

<https://followtheforest.org/>

Next Task Force Meeting: March 16



Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

February 16, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, Zoom

Present: Kathy Chow, Rich Stalzer, Andrew Stayman, Claire Goodman, Chris Virtuoso, Deborah Maier

Absent: Chris Kennan, Matt Herzog, Laurie Kerr

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Chow announced that the Village is preparing for its **150 Year Anniversary** in 2025. Each gov't and community group, including CSC, will play a part. TBD what that will be. Open to suggestions ;-)

Save the date for **Complete Streets training March 15** at Noon – customized for us. Chris / Jenn need to identify 3 – 4 intersections to highlight and plot during the class. Tips for working with D.O.T. will be included. Village, Town, CSC, Planning & Zoning will attend. This intersects with Biking and Walking Plan and the 2023 Village Complete Streets CSC action.

Rich has received comments from 3 people on the **Draft Biking and Walking plan**. Andrew made a presentation to the village board. Tom will edit the plan after the March 26 comment deadline.

Emergency Preparedness is moving forward with Andrew, Chris, Matt, Josh, Chow. Hastings model for Heat Emergencies is a good start for an outline.

Chow to schedule second mtg. around March 11 and loop in Village through Jenn (Matt, Dave, Lance, Delora), NECC / Grace Church / Evelyn Garzetta.

Chris: Have Lorna update existing binder. Call Bill Beale and Webutuck, loop in American Legion and town staff as appropriate

Andrew: Outline a neighbor-to-neighbor system – with possible pilot sign up at Earth Day.

CSC action: Farmers Market. Notes from Jenn about how the Village 'supports' it. It 'allows the gathering'; provides police, parking, water, electric, trash collection. Installed a cross walk to improve safety. Coming up: Village will do PR on Facebook, water bill inserts, the upcoming re-do of the Village website will include a Farmers market promo page. Chow will regroup with Claire and Deborah to do the CSC

writeup. Following the Action verbatim and / or accepted writeups from example towns on the CSC site is appropriate.

Sewer progress: Kristen Wilson advised on a Grants coaching call (legacy Local Champs benefit) to look into CSC grants as well as Connecticut grants as the watershed is mostly Ct.

HVA will test 'grab samples' to reveal any contamination that would prove urgency for sewer grants. Weather will likely produce heavy rains conducive to testing between June and August. Mike / Claire will send a proposal to Chris K.

Andrew will resend his inquiry to Eleanor about **Green Power**.

Tilly's system for **calendar reminders** that Andrew set up will be replicated by the Village. Laurie / Andrew should implement with the village clerk.

Road Salt – Claire talked to MBA. Christine needs a large type version of what they got. Claire will call Christine to see what she's referring to.

SM posts this month. Andrew suggested a separate dedicated meeting. Posts should be simple: just a picture with a caption. Meanwhile:

- Deborah – pruning fruit trees, idling.
- Rich – EV Charger & Biking and Walking plan. Claire will take a great photo.
- Chris V – buying seeds. With updates every couple week

Earth Day Planning

Solar panel: Rob Cooper might supply a gizmo with inverter to demonstrate (Chow will coordinate) OR prop it up against the tent pole as a backdrop for the CSC Bronze sign.

Host tent: HVA Claire and her Watershed Maps.

NRI maps from Hudsonia (tall skinny maps).

Homegrown National Park display with Michelle.

Rail Trail sneak peek – Lisa will provide pictures of bridge exhibits to Rich.

Energy Audits: Collin at Cornell doesn't have stuff yet, but we can sign people up.

Volunteer opportunities.

Chris K induction stove with Battery. Pots and pans with a magnet to test if they work for induction.

Need Laurie to sort facts about prioritizing impactful activities / embodied carbon in different building materials – Chris & Chow will put together a display.

Transportation - Andrew will coordinate: Electric bikes, EV charger, North East Ford - will do test rides (they drive). Printed bike map.

Vendors:

Indow and Sealed props with representatives

Chow will chase vendors for invasives removal, native plantings, heat pump vendor, insulation, electrical prep for EV Chargers, induction stoves.

Central Hudson: Danielle - type answer man.

Creation Station: poetry workshop/ kite making. Deborah, Karen, Patrick, Chris V, Lynn will regroup. Lynn Buckley volunteered with library & Webutuck. Kite making Karen Culbreth might help. Ideally include other schools. Ask: Mitra from Indian Mountain. Lisa Wood Salisbury Central. Rhiannon re Hotchkiss.

Deborah will investigate beanstalk and little plantings.

5 – 7 PM Pre-concert menu: 52 Main Between

7 – 9 PM “Get Your Green On Words and Music” Concert. 2 performers (Natalia & ?) & poetry slammers. Ideally, 15 – 20 kids will read for 1 minute. Natalia will be the MC – she’s good at pinch hitting. Already arranged: Church basement, Irving Farm will supply coffee, Harney: tea, local baker: cookies. Need 2 toilets. Claire expects 150 people. Donation box (suggested \$10 – 20) at the door.

April 29th Kids Art + Science program at the Library led by Cary’s Educator Ashley Alred. This through Lori Quillon, Director of Communications at the Cary Institute

May 7, Moviehouse. Sunday Morning 11 AM free *What’s the Rush* Movie by Doug Tallamy with Michelle Alfandari and panel discussion.

PR needs to start mid-March with Save the date.

Need a graphic person! Claire might have somebody.

Main Street article will be in the April Issue

We need an EV Charger post on the website - an in-depth article in the format of other web stories.

Repair café will wait for next year.

Chow will decline the 29th Dutchess County table.

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Reminder to join the **Complete Streets Training / Workshop** by Urban Cycling Solutions Principal Dan Suraci – rescheduled for March 23

Library Calendar – Rhiannon presented the Library’s brand-new Community Calendar – inspired by requests from her Community Conversations. It’s a regional site, run by LocalHop and CSC has an account. We’ll be able to post directly once we’re approved. It can replace some functionality on our site (in News). It even has a “register” function.

Q2 Millerton Water Bill insert will feature Earth Day and Bulk Trash Day. Chow will send Village Clerk Nicole graphics. Consensus on Bulk Trash Day poster options was that ALL details need to be on all communications. Lorna will order dumpsters. Chris V will do PR including lawn signs, posters, and social media.

Town Hall - Chris K reported that there will be opportunities to look at the building – e.g., an energy audit- once it’s in use. It has propane heat and is ‘well maintained’. He agreed there is opportunity for a pollinator garden, but maintenance will determine if that’s feasible. The goal is to be In by Christmas.

Earth Day: Marketing launches now. Chris K will do a supervisor email. Chris V ran through WIP logistics. The final layout is TBD last minute. Chris will borrow more small tents from NECC. Chow has 2 tables.

Heads up: reinforce the sustainability theme to all exhibitors All are welcome (we want the event to grow) but tweak the messages to connect to Get Your Green On!. Chris V will specifically remind Raffle donors. Photographers are needed. E.g., Libby Valentine. Andrew will ask her. Chris K is working with the BQ Energy guy to make a working demo of the solar panel. The specific NE Ford Electric Vehicle is still TBD. Jenn N offered to put cones on Main Street for the Test Drives. There will also be vintage cars with stats on milage. 2 EV bike shops will attend (but might commit last minute) along with Shepherd Myer who retrofits bikes to be electric. Bike Map – a prop is needed. Andrew will give Chris V what he has. Perhaps a USGS map with routes highlighted per the low res screenshot in the draft bike plan. The Library will hold a (eco) book sale, seed exchange. Affordable

housing will have a tent and display. Certain Webutuck groups will attend Amenia's Earth Day this year (the Environmental group will be there). TBD which student groups will come to Millerton's. Stacy should tell us who is managing Amenia. Creation Station - Chris and Deborah will follow up with Craig Wickwire, Lynn Buckley et al. Deborah will reconnect with Alice Quinn about the School session April 10th. Concert - Highschool poets will read at the Concert.

Encore Events - Chris V will follow up on the April 29 library event with Cary at the Library. Chow will finalize the Moviehouse screening and panel discussion.

Task Force future budget. - Discussion around an Earth Day budget highlighted that we will always need money for Earth Day. In 2022 we got a grant that we spent over 2022 and 2023. Herrington's has also been a regular sponsor donating money applied to ads and printing. Chris K has asked in the past if CSC needs a budget and we will now request an annual line item. Raising small amounts from Earth Day activities to support CSC detracts from the 'Town Event' spirit (and they don't add up to a meaningful sum e.g., \$400 from the raffle.). CSC / Earth Day doesn't compare with other NGO's like NECC and the Library which are charities.

2023 Proceeds - For this year the decision is that it's OK for Students to sell stuff eg seed packs and ready to fly kites. The money will go to class of 2023. Concert and Raffle money will go to Rock Steady. It is also a vendor fair – exhibitors will be promoting their businesses.

Acknowledgements Website lineup should mention all participants or none. Thanks to our sponsors chart to be added to our website, on the Raffle table and also as an op-ed in Millerton News.

EV charger - Andrew did great web article before the charger was installed on Dec 15th. He will do an update for Rich to post.

Chris – seed starting, saving. Chris V.

Biking and Walking Plan – will be finalized by the CAC. Comments until March 26

The Hotlist was reviewed but open items will be postponed until after Earth Day: Village Solar - Andrew / Laurie, Benchmarking – Laurie and Andrew got info from the Village, Green Power Procurement – Andrew reported that we will likely work through brokers. Eleanor's referral, Brad Tito, of Power Market seems likely. Power Manager was another that is not responsive.

March Blizzard - Shout out to the Central Hudson Fixit guys. Millerton's 1800 blacked out households came back on quickly.

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Earth Day Plans

Chris V gave an update, review of layout and overview of Earth Day plans. He led discussions about Chris K's solar panel and PR for Encore events. He noted an additional donation of a large tent from Watershed – with thanks! Small tents will be borrowed from NECC. 24 merchants donated for the raffle. Sound system and hot spot will be borrowed from the Library. Laminating / large prints from Country Postman in Salt Point. Reminder to all raffle participants and exhibitors to have relevant messaging about sustainability. Start time for exhibitors is 10 – 10:30, 11:30 for host tent exhibitors. Elias Sorich from M News will cover. (We don't have a photographer.)

Landfill Solar

Chris K suggests a simple message about our possible landfill solar – how many homes would it power? Rich said solar farm operators have proposed building a solar array of 2.5 - 4 MW capacity on the closed landfill, which would generate enough electricity to power 440 - 700 local homes.

PR / Articles

Deborah wrote a great article in 4_13_23 Millerton News *“Get your Green On!” Events set for Millerton Earth Day.*

Village Water Bill

The format works well now. We need to choose 2 subjects for Q2. Deadline: June 15. Suggested subjects: Food waste composting at McEnroes and Energy audits (NYers for Clean Power, NYSEERDA).

Bulk Trash Day

Matt said electronics recycling for Dutchess county will be in May, June 10, September 30 – our next BTM could be September 23.

Volunteer Opportunities

The current list will be updated for Earth Day and on our website – tweaked with Ct. Land Trusts added.

Complete Streets

Andrew talked about the March 23 presentation from Urban Cycling Solutions Principal Dan Suraci. Jenn had noted the Maple Ave / Rt 44 intersection has already been improved. The village has limited places to consider, but creating the policy is step one and satisfies the CSC requirements. Century Blvd is Matt's priority: crumbling pavements, no crosswalks, drainage... Chris K noted an email from another supervisor about a large grant source (from the Infrastructure Bill). A plan is required to apply. Matt said bonds are a problem for Village cash flow and matches make some grants impossible. He requested to add the webinar resources to our website. Deborah asked if something can be done about the threat of toxic spills like a recent one on a curve in Norfolk.

Ten Mile River Watershed

HVA's Claire Wegh will lead the TMRW meeting Monday at Amenia Town Hall at 1:30 A federal funding guy will attend anxious to meet local towns and villages. Chris K recommends the meeting for CSC, CAC members. Deborah will cover the meeting for the paper. Chris highlighted that the plan should include our sewer urgency.

Next Meeting: May 18



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May 18, 2023 5:30 - 6:30

In Person at Chow's 968 578 5364

MTG Notes

Minutes were approved from April 20, 2023 with one correction

Present: Chris, Matt, Chow, Andrew, Chris K, Claire, Laurie, Rich Absent: Deborah

Earth Day Recap

We had 31 Exhibitors (see list below) and decent turnout, good weather. There was good Webutuck and family participation. Deborah's creation station was a highlight along with Webutuck participation: Honor Society, Art department, and Steam Student displays. Townscape, NECC, Affordable Housing were local NGO's.

Chris will write a letter to the editor of M News with thanks to the Earth Day sponsors.

Chow will organize Earth Day pix for Rich to post on the website. \$247 was raised from the raffle, and almost \$700 from the concert to aid Rock Steady. Sadly, there was no recycling at earth day. Next time we'll just put a bin on the lawn and take it to town hall for pickup.

Encores: Concert was very good though the audience were mostly Natalia's fans. Deborah read her poetry; no student poets read. Chris V will follow up with Lynn Buckley about the Kid's Library event. Cary's Lori Quillen organized it. Contact her early for 2024. . Moviehouse Homegrown National Park screening was great and on target. Panel included 4 local experts, there were about 30 in the audience on a gorgeous day - and they stuck around. Info table had Oblong samples of books, literature from Julie, plant lists.

Promotion: The Main St Ad promised Food, Music, and Test Drives. NONE happened. The ad deadline is early so best not to include details. The QR codes are not needed - barely used for both Earth Day AND for Bulk Trash Day. Big posters like the Community Day banners would be great. Lawn signs work too. The Chris supervisor email works. Newspaper coverage was good: "Earth Day in Millerton abloom with eco-activity" Elias Sorich article 4_27_23. Deborah writes for the paper weekly. She takes ideas to editor and suggestions are encouraged.

Chris will thank sponsors in a Millerton News letter to the editor.

Earth Day 2024 ideas: We want to attract lots of students. Kids draw families. Focus on schools in 2024: Webutuck, Indian Mountain, Salisbury School, and Hotchkiss. Hotchkiss links to follow up on: Chris K's neighbor, Leslie Farhangie's husband. Find the head of school / Climate Smart Club. Kak also has Millbrook School connections. Expand that idea of what to do in your back yard. Back yard theme for 2024. What individuals can do. Eg, braided fences like Eliot's (make that a stop on a tour). Use last and this year's posters of kids art, and maybe kites? Contact vendors e.g. heat pumps installers in Summer. Coordinate with schools right after fall opening. Find an Instagramable stunt like the 2022 Plastic bag monster organized by Patrick McGeever. Location: Eddie Collins and Webutuck as Earth Day locations were dismissed because it's Important to be in the village. Rain space is important, and the White and Brown churches are

possible venues for bad weather. Claire saw the space with the new owners – including kitchen, community room and church area. Amenia had their first Earth Day including Repair Café. Maybe partner with them and consider doing it at Amenia Town Hall because of the indoor space. Ask a Rail Trail county person to speak about whole network and parks. Sharon Land Trust – invite Brooke Loring.

Food: Expand beyond the Inn's souvlaki stand. McEnroe and the Diner could also do food with enough notice.

Music: Music Center and Library musicians get paid, and a band wants an audience. Best to have casual background music like the Farmer's Market. Michael on the mike provided audio but be prepared with scripts and soundbites for him.

Village Path to Bronze: PCA (Local Champs) arranged with CCE to assist the Village getting to bronze. Kelsey West colleague Anna will do assessment. CCE is proud of NE bronze – they know Millerton is close, so they want to help. Step 1: meet with Anna. Need writers, number crunching. No need to wait till after elections, we can start with joint projects already done. WIP actions like LED streetlights will need to be DONE and written up to submit. Other DONE projects inc. EV charger and composting toilets will need new writeups. Chow will update the Path to Bronze chart. Anna may give us lessons on how to do write ups. See comments from review board. It's OK to upload actions in advance but submission is all at once. Deadlines are early January and March. 120 points are needed, the town submitted 152. Benchmarking village should be done now. Heads up about elections - best to collect data before any turnover. Get 2022 if possible or just use 2021. If Lisa is elected, she can help in starting to use Lorna's spreadsheet template. They're friends. Matt will get the crosswalk light history from Didi's office. We should revisit bike racks though there's no funding. A 2021 quote was about 3K installed per 6 – 8 bike rack. Townscape focus is Eddie Collins so their funding is unlikely.

Webatuck contamination testing: We have a 10K HVA proposal. Matt will review the PCA list and leads to find applicable grants. It's unrealistic for 2023 as the CFA deadline is in July and test results would be needed.

Highway garage progress: Lighting will be dark sky. Andrew noted the storage building needs a shroud, but believes lights are off at night. Need to review operating schedule. All want the next meeting to be at the Highway Garage – in person, though there's no wifi yet.

Bulk Trash Day: Proceeds were \$1430, metal value TBD. Lorna will send billing from Welsh. Once a year is the right sequence, but spring is Task Force burnout from many sequential Earth Day events. Signs got collected – needs to be part of the schedule. Matt said the Village website is on verge of launch. It will be available for announcements next time.

Millerton recycling: Matt said Irving Farm and at the rail trail are good locations, but Townscape's first containers weren't strong enough. The biggest barrier is the cost of cans. Pick up is another complication as Village staff is needed. Welsh comes 1X week. Earth Day / 'event' recycling is a separate subject.

HVA Tenmile River meeting for Dutchess County re: the Highlands Protection Act. There is more money for the next 5 years and current munis. In the region (not us) can apply now. Forest

service determines where to put the money (mostly land acquisition). Next step: ask NYS to include us in region (e.g., We XXX are interested in being in the region). Partner with Letter from HVA Claire template. Katie from Dover could do a partner letter that includes Amenia and Stanford based on a template from Claire at HVA.

Water bills Q3. Possible subjects: composting, energy audits, ticks.

Village shift to billing for usage. Water meters are almost launched: flat fee plus usage. We can expect resident's sticker shock along with interest in quality and conservation. New rates hit in Q1 2024. That's ideal messaging time. Water campaign ideas: have a table the Farmer's market. Water quality testing. Collect water and schlep it to the tester. Chris V knows the drill, also ask Kevin Elliot for his water expert. Option 2: get a kit to check for potability which is determined by Coliforms, E.coli and arsenic. Home testing isn't super accurate but it's a start. 3 things you can do to reduce usage – e.g., efficient shower fixtures. Update to website.

Website: Review sitemap for subjects that need to be updated. Chris V, Chris K.

Landfill: PVE engineering has been retained to measure and analyze emissions. They spent 1 day examining the 13 Gas and water vents. Town will consider a solar array only once they know the health of landfill (a graveyard of 30 years of trash inc. haz waste) and exactly what's being emitted. Chris discovered a 435 pages report from 2021. The PVE report is due in a few weeks. Matt will inquire about the engineer possibly planning upgrades for the CH transmission towers on Indian Lake NY side nearby the site which would be closer. The Ct side already changed. Rich said the CAC wrote Chris a letter about the landfill. Once Chris gets the PVE results then he will join a CAC meeting.

Green Power – Beacon & Ulster buy recs. We have several offers for buying green power. Andrew will review proposals inc. Brad Tito's solar farm. Laurie wants to use our own site but that's a few years off. For now, we can just buy from a solar farm. Brian Finn is our Central Hudson guy. HW garage solar would likely be just for municipal power, landfill solar would be for a wider community. Rich has solar deal as an example. He gets 10 % off the supply part (about half) of his CH bill.

Road Salt: We received the CCE report which will be passed onto the CAC.

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EARTH DAY 2023 EXHIBITORS

1. Get Your Green On Spinner – Michael Virtuoso
2. Raffle Table – Joe
3. Town of NE Solar Panel Demo – Chris Kennan, Rob Cooper
4. Northeast Ford - Bill Bohan, Lann Rubin
5. Antique Ford – Kevin Elliot
6. Covered Bridge Electric Bikes – Robert Ensign
7. Electric bike retrofits - Shepherd Meyers
8. Relief Chiropractic - Dr Tyler Steenbergen
9. North East Community Center – Paul Bengstrom
10. Composting – NECC, McEnroe’s
11. NorthEast Millerton Library – Rhiannon Leo-Jameson
12. Creation Station Go Fly a Poem – Deborah Maier
13. Student Poster contest display
14. Webutuck STEAM Student exhibits - Zoe Gellweiler, Lyla Mersand
15. Webutuck National Honors Society
16. Townscape – Jeanne Vanecko, Jennifer Dowley
17. Housing Expo '23 – Sam Bussell
18. Climate Smart Taskforce – Kathy Chow
19. Inside Track Solar - Tom Kacandes
20. NE Conservation Advisory Council – Rich Stalzer
21. Harlem Valley Rail Trail – Rich Stalzer
22. Associated Lightening Rod – Rob Cooper
23. Housatonic Valley Association – Claire Wegh, Matt Conrad
24. Indow Window Inserts – Laurie Kerr
25. Literature: Cornell (CCEDC) , Cary Institute, American Farmland Trust
26. Homegrown National Park – Michelle Alfandari
27. NoMoreInvasivePlants - Christian Allyen
28. NYers for Clean Power – Jim Greenhall
29. 511 Rideshare – Megan Ciolino
30. Bash Bish Bicycles
31. Designer Finds Fashion Show – Dana Scarpa

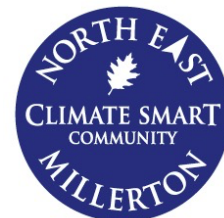
ENCORE

Poetry Workshop – Deborah Maier @ Webutuck

GYGO Concert & Poetry – Natalia Zukerman, Melissa Ferrick @ Methodist Church

Watercolor & Ecology – Ashley Alred, Cary Institute @ Library

What’s the Rush – Michelle Alfandari, Homegrown National Park @ The Moviehouse



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MEETING Notes

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Guest: Kathleen Spahn, (Millerton Library volunteer and formerly from Access Services, Portland Public Library)

Absent: Chris Virtuoso, Laurie Kerr, Rich Stalzer, Deborah Maier

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Village election is scheduled for June 15. TBD if Jenn Najdek is re-elected, providing continuity in the Village CSC bronze process.

Bulk Trash Day - Results from the May 6 BTD: we took in \$1430, spent 1341. Bottom line: we MADE \$100. Value of the metal offset the haulage charge. "Light tin" was credited at 6 cents / lb. The landfill dumpster was the usual charge of haulage and tipping: \$631.25. Revisit costs next time with Welsh re: mattresses and couches. Mattresses were a new billing category. Welsh charged standard haulage (the usual 250) plus \$20 each mattress for disposal. \$710 total! (we collected \$10 each). It's unclear why: did it require a second dumpster, or did they have to handle them separately? For next time: If mattresses fit into the landfill dumpster their weight is included in the \$125 per ton rate which is considerably less than \$460 for 23 mattresses. We also got a lot of big bulky couches. \$30 is an appropriate charge for couches and mattresses. Most people have \$20 bills. There wasn't a charge for the couple A/Cs we collected. Chris K wants to include tires next time. Andrew will ask Alex or Mike Lyman if they want to provide that service – or advice.

Social Media idea: where do tires go?

Chris K reported that just north of Whitehouse crossing there's a tire / junk dump at the Beneke place that used to be hidden but is now exposed from the Rail Trail. He will talk with the owners – perhaps have them get a dumpster; we'll get volunteers to collect stuff.

Millerton Path to Bronze – Anna Harrod-McGrew from Cornell will help us.

Anna Harrod-McGrew (she/her), Environmental Educator & NCLI Program Manager,
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County

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We will need volunteers! Her kickoff meeting will be the July CSC meeting.

The path to bronze chart is updated. Matt will be the lead for CSC. Anna will actually write up as needed. Andrew warned that we should make sure an action is worth doing before committing time and energy.

LED Streetlights: Matt reported on progress: the lawyer is reviewing the LED contract. He also said Dutchess County has a new sidewalk plan for Millerton.

Note: **Matt Hertzog** Runs Didi Barrett's office. (Democratic member of the New York State Assembly representing Assembly District 106, which includes parts of Dutchess and Columbia Counties)

Complete Streets / Biking and Walking Plan. Matt said that more of Century Boulevard is owned by the village than is paved. That's why the county plan shows it wider than the current road. The Fire dept doesn't want a median. Improvements for Century Boulevard are in the HVA plan. Apparently, the Bielke intersection is done. Andrew is concerned that Ralph doesn't understand the "plan" and won't support it. Jenn is resistant because of overwhelmed village board capacity. Chris K gave examples: the parking lot not at White House Crossing but at Rudd Pond. Edits need to be realistic or the take away will be that it's pie in the sky. Rich Andrew, Chris K will have the first conversation, adding Rich. Tom Parrett leads it.

Water Meters. Matt said the Village will look at rates in the Fall. \$50 basic plus a usage fee (T&B will advise). The Village will have public meetings about the new system. Opportunity for CSC to do an educational campaign – perhaps including a table at the Farmer's market. After discussion, it was determined that testing for water quality is too complicated, and we should focus on efficiency and conservation.

Websites: Chris K announced that the Town of North East has an updated town website. Matt said the Village site is still in process. (FYI guest Kathleen has website experience). Matt will show us a sneak peek of Village site.

Green Power Procurement: Chris will send Andrew his questions.

Grants: Matt looked at CFA grants. Chris is giving up o HVA's 10K Webatuck testing for this CFA cycle due to timing.

Landfill solar and integrity is now a CAC subject. BTW - Indian Lake planned tower upgrades will be Transmission wires, not distribution so not helpful for Landfill solar plugin.

Village solar – Andrew and Laurie will regroup – there are 7 local companies that can do it.

Water bill Q3 subjects: McEnroe's composting, Ticks. Andrew will write a 2 sentence SM post about the energy needed for servers to save old clutter like emails.

Emergency Plans: Chris K talked briefly with Bob Jenks of American Legion about emergency plans. There is funding from NY state for American Legions to be upgraded (e.g., as heating / cooling centers). PCA has grants too. BUT facilities is not the difficult part, It's staffing.

Highway Garage. Great progress. After hours Chris Tour to be scheduled. :-)
Westchester solar: Get grants for new town hall.



Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

July 20, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, ZOOM

MEETING Notes

Present: Chris Kennan, Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow Chris Virtuoso, Deborah Maier

Guest: Kathleen Spahn, Anna Harrod-McGrew, Environmental Educator & NCLI Program Manager, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Claire Goodman, Laurie Kerr, Rich Stalzer

AI Notes Chow discussed a beta app (Fathom) to use with a paid subscription to ZOOM that provides transcriptions of meetings. She is testing it out to see how well it works.

Solar on the Landfill - Steve is waiting for a letter of intent and sample lease from Nexamp. He has a call scheduled with Arcadia (new contender). Chris K. wants more options before making a decision about choosing a developer and wants to have virtual interviews with other companies.

Millerton Bronze Anna Harrod-McGrew joined to kick off the Bronze Assessment for the village using the Cornell Template with our CSC Hotlist incorporated into it. Anna's spreadsheet provides a comprehensive and up-to-date action list and view of the village's progress and potential opportunities. Her knowledge of other towns allows her to uncover actions that we are not aware of. Anna discussed in-progress, completed, and recommended actions. A Bronze Team will be formed to delve deeper into the assessment and certain tasks. Various projects need to be completed, including Policies and Procedures for the village, culverts and dams, and Rail Trail Parking brown field cleanup. Some projects are already done but might need additional policies or updates. Anna discussed the County Update of the hazard Mitigation Plan. It's probably too old to qualify for points. She described the process of submitting on the Climate Smart portal and the importance of providing a clear and detailed summary of the action, as the Office of Climate Change reviews numerous documents and needs information to be laid out clearly. Chow, Anna, Kathleen, and Andrew volunteered to be part of the team. Deborah and Chris V. will work on specific submissions such as events related to Earth Day. Meetings will be via Zoom or in-person. Chow will take a poll and determine the best approach.

Methane Monitoring methane levels in the landfill. Chris K. said it's likely that PVE will do next level testing to assess quantity and more detail about emissions.

Highway Garage is making good progress. Chris K showed a picture of a heavy duty lift capable of lifting snowplows. Crushed rock from the site will be used onsite but there is little opportunity for biodiversity landscaping as most space will be for moving gear around.

(To be discussed next summer at the earliest.) Hopefully the highway department can move IN by year end. A tour (best at 4PM) is possible. New Town Hall is a much juicier opportunity. It's a 3-acre site.

Water Bills Chow mentioned that the water bills were sent out, but the new village clerk could only handle basic bills this time. Those topics, ticks and food scrap recycling, became social media subjects.

Social Media New SM and October water bill subjects are TBD.

Chris V. suggested using an art piece from Earth Day for advertising or promoting Earth Day 2024. Potential story ideas are raising awareness about bog turtles and promoting tire recycling. Andrew reported about the energy-saving from deleting unnecessary emails. The carbon footprint of deleting a thousand emails would result in a carbon benefit of around five grams of CO2.

Andrew called Scott Cales at Welsh to find out how to dispose of tires, and they provided him with pricing information, though we clearly need to get together with Welsh before next fall's trash day and talk about things like couches and mattresses and so that we actually know their process and pricing.

Deborah asked about the possibility of the town being connected with a program that recycles plastic bags into decking material.
She can write a social media post summarizing her article on recycling.

(Reminder that Village water meters are being installed)

Green Power Chris K. wants Andrew's recommendation for green power vendor. They will review and finalize the decision tomorrow.

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Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

September 21, 2023 5:30 - 6:10, ZOOM

MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Rich Stalzer, Kathleen Spahn

Guest: Tom Parrett

Absent: Chris Kennan, Matt Hartzog, Chris Virtuoso, Deborah Maier, Claire Goodman, Laurie Kerr

Minutes from June 17 and July 20, 2023 were approved. There was no meeting in CSC August but Anna Harrod-McGrew lead Millerton Bronze assessment meetings on Aug. 23, Aug. 30, Sept. 13, (next meeting: Oct. 19).

Community GHG: HRVC has invited us to participate in a cohort of towns from our region to do a Town / Village Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Andrew, Kathleen, and Chow will attend 4 meetings and compile the inventory based on estimates and by using census data. Chris K. will sign an official letter supporting it.

Green Power Procurement: Andrew reported that it is moving forward using PowerMarket. Brad Tito needs electric bills for our 2 newest accounts to confirm eligibility (that they're not too big). Lorna can provide first bills from garage and town hall which Andrew will give to Brad. Then PowerMarket will requote.

Millerton Path to Bronze: Chow showed Anna's assessment spreadsheet. Each member has one sheet with their actions containing a link to the current action, brief description, and notes. Chow will update and send to each member. Anna also set up a folder for each action on DropBox to use for writeups, drafts, documents.

EV Charger: Jennifer Dowley will give a 'final' report to the Village. We'll use that for our writeup. LED streetlights are still in process.

Biking and Walking Plan: Tom is reworking the original draft to address initial input and make it not so far sighted. Some updates have already been done e.g., Bielke Rd LED warning lights and crosswalk. It's ready to share (20 dense pages). Tom will meet with Andrew and Rich and Chris K to finalize in prep to present to Jenn and village board. Town approval of the plan will influence the County. Village won't need to pay for anything. Tom will tee it up at the Village Board meeting on Sept. 25th. Final version will be ready in Early October.

Millerton News: Deborah wrote articles about what happens with our trash. The County's new 10-year plan is 'done' but it lacks good solutions. Chow will send them.

Kathleen will sign up to contribute to the libraries LocalHop Community Calendar. Chow will send her previous login info. It can replace listing events on Green News on our website. The Library website gets traffic of its own so we'll get more exposure, and the CSC site can link to the calendar. We will review website updates at our October meeting. Rich will send the current index of pages so we can make a plan and assign updates.

Social Media: Kathleen will do the Bronze writeup for Social Media (and maybe more)

This month's posts: Leave the leaves. Rebuilding, Water smart appliances.

Water bills: Water education campaign is to coincide with the launch of village water metering. It's a Village message not a CSC initiative so CSC will supply content about Water smart appliances and Rebuilding but without CSC branding.

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Next Task Force Meeting: October 19

FYI Millerton Water Notes

The Village supplies approximately 125,000-130,000 gallons of drinking water daily to a total of 478 water accounts which includes 110 located within the Town. At one point, the Village consistently peaked at nearly 400,000 gallons due to leaks. According to the Water Operator, the Village could comfortably distribute 150,000-200,000 gallons of water daily without impacting the Village's ample water supply or straining operating systems. The Village has two wells and a 250,000-gallon water tank. There are no issues with the quality of the water which is treated and tested regularly. The Village and Town have a 40-year water supply contract, which will expire in December 2035.



Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

October 19, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, ZOOM

MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Rich Stalzer, Chris Virtuoso, Matt Hartzog, Deborah Maier, Kathleen Spahn

Guest: Anna Harrod-McGrew

Absent: Chris Kennan, Claire Goodman, Laurie Kerr

Minutes from Sept. 21 were approved.

Chow showed the Village water bill inserts with homeowner tips about water conservation

Community GHG: The HRVC cohort includes neighboring towns all working on the 2 CSC actions. The inventory part should be done by April. Andrew, Kathleen, Chow are the NE / Millerton team. Melanie Petapis showed the massive spreadsheet populated with draft data. Our job is to fact check against various public records and add categories specific to our town. The inventory is worth 16 points each for both NE and Millerton. A subsequent project will follow up with CAP's.

Biking and Walking Plan: Rich will follow up with Tom on his draft plan for input by the town and village boards. Rich reported that the Rail Trail meeting reviewed the engineering study – now they are raising money. 150 people attended.

Green Power Procurement: Brad Tito will send Andrew a new proposal - planned to be on the TB agenda next month. Chris K aims to get the new supplier for January

New Town Hall: Jeanne Vanecko is overseeing an HVAC assessment hoping to convert from propane and air conditioners to heat pumps. She will submit for a PCA grant. Conversion would count toward CEC points as well as CSC. Deborah asked about homeowner conversions (though it's not suitable for leaky houses). CEC has a community campaign action. Anna will follow up.

Website: Rich will send an updated sitemap so we can checkoff needed updates. Chow will send complete 2022 minutes to update the About page.

Social Media: Kathleen will post about leaving seed heads et al in the pollinator garden. Deborah asked about the schedule of the Village leaf vacuum truck. Matt reported it has been out collecting leaves to take to McEnroe's and Silimar Farm for composting.

Earth Day: Chris V discussed early thinking inspired by the Dutchess County Fair. He mentioned Dutchess Apiary and the Sheep and Wool Fair. To address concerns about April weather he proposes a handful of buildings in the Village as multiple sites and indoor possibilities including the white church, brown church (which is not yet ready but hopefully will be in the future) and the Moviehouse. 2023 encore events (concert in church, library and Moviehouse) were a success. Chris will speak with Claire & and Lisa Erdner. Chow and Deborah will join the Earth Day 2024 team.

Millerton Path to Bronze: .

Chow shared the V8 striped hotlist. Currently at 130 points with an additional 70 points possible. Reminder to put everything on Dropbox in individual Action folders so Anna has access. Anna will review everything before submission and help with writeups. Submissions include: Writeup of 300 words max. with pdf attachments as big as needed.

Anna explained how to write up submissions at minute 25 of the zoom recording:

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Reminder to READ THE ACTION. Hint: start with the Deliverables then go back and read the rest. Make it easy for the reviewers. They won't dig for info. E.g.. by referencing page numbers. PE6 Comp Plan – great example for see the memo. Using their words with page numbers next to it. Biking and Walking and Climate Action Plan will be similar. For event type actions see the North East PE9 Public Events example. Chow will separate out the 2023 Earth Day exhibitors and encores to apply to 3 separate actions.

Chow showed the Village Hit list that includes 3 resolutions and 3 memos which will be on the agenda for the next VB meeting which will be Monday. Matt said Jenn would know about the Rail Trail Parking Brownfield site on So. Center Street and he will follow up. The county did SOME remediation. TBD if it satisfies the requirements for the action. Doubtful if any fixed culverts were engineered according to the action requirements. The Wakeman Creek culvert is the next priority but won't be done for April. Lisa is the Village Website push person which will include the CSC link. LED streetlight progress is still bogged down at Central Hudson. Deborah will assemble PDF's of her final CSC related newspaper articles to be used for multiple actions.

Anna mentioned she's working with 16 towns in 16 Columbia County communities working together on Vulnerability Assessments and CAP's. Hopefully next year there will be a new cohort for Dutchess county which could include aspects of emergency services.

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Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

November 16, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, ZOOM

MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Rich Stalzer, Chris Virtuoso, Matt Hartzog, Deborah Maier, Kathleen Spahn, Matt Hartzog

Absent: Claire Goodman, Laurie Kerr, Chris Kennan

Minutes from October 19 were approved.

Community GHG Inventory progress: Kathleen explained our job is to get to a baseline analysis of Town & Village emissions and confirm or correct the massive database prepared by HVRC. We had a good meeting about the value of forests by a Cary scientist. Recording: <https://youtu.be/XQR1jTkNdAA>. The next meeting will explain how to apply our data to their report template. The CSC action applies to the Town too – so CSC Silver is not a ridiculous goal. We'll be able to get solar on roofs, electrify buildings, etc., all high point actions.

Green Power Procurement: Our resolution says we'll pay no more than 20% on a "fixed price" contract. We'll get 10% LESS than Central Hudson. The Task force concluded Brad Tito's deal satisfies the resolution we have is ok to sign. Andrew will get it on the agenda for December. Deborah will write a proper press release for finishing the 3 projects of our original CSC grant. It's a requirement to be reimbursed by the DEC-OCC. Chow will supply talking points. A newspaper article isn't required, Chris can include it in a supervisor email.

Road Salt: Andrew showed a brine dispenser on the back of a truck. Bob thinks it WOULD work on a trailer, eliminating the need for a dedicated truck. We need to do a cost benefit analysis. CCE did an example, we can adapt that with Rhinebeck's gear prices. Andrew will look into prices for a tanker trailer with baffles and a pump/nozzle. Aim to prepare for the 2024 season. Chow will resend the study. CAC can eventually recommend it to the town.

Earth Day: Chris V explained that Amenia started their Earth Day last year and we'll try to combine our event into their venue: indoors at Amenia Town Hall gym - on Saturday April 20. We'll continue to do encore events e.g. the Moviehouse and Library/Cary kid's event. Takes pressure off us and will have a bigger presence. More impact and more coordinated for Webutuck groups. Moving wouldn't loop Millerton merchants - which isn't very important to them anyway. We don't know how many people wander in from the village or from the Farmers Market. Amenia has also started doing repair cafes. Matt feels it can become bigger and could potentially get county funding. 2023 cost a few thousand \$. Kathleen suggested offering NECC bus rides to the fair. NECC also does a clean-up day (on their grounds). Eddie Collins events are

becoming a good forum. Chris V and Chow will talk with Amenia. Rich also suggested moving Earth Day to Webutuck. Better view, better parking. Matt will see the Superintendent Castellani and will ask him if they'd be interested. Matt mentioned Didi's diner stop on Friday. Millerton water system needs updating with other properties before it can go live. Water Smart IS a CSC action. Ramp up the education campaign. Q1 water bill goes out end December. Matt will suggest what to put in the water bill.

Biking and Walking Plan: Rich will follow up with Tom on his draft plan. Next Village meeting is Nov 27 at 6PM.

Millerton Path to Bronze: .

Chow shared the Nov 16 striped hotlist. 172 points are likely :-). Outstanding tasks for Andrew: Benchmarking, Fleet Inventory, GHG Tracking records. The Village has actually done a great job writing memos and passing resolutions. Solar array fixit is unlikely so Andrew will quantify what IS working. 15KW are being generated now from 1 stand. Rich asked about starting over with new rather than fixing. Solar Liberty's price is \$75K to update: restring, rewire, add 6 inverters. It's a complete redesign though the panels are fine. Matt questioned if there is more room for expansion (and combine that with the retrofit). There are piles of road material there now, but the gear to use it is at new HW garage. TBD how the garage yard will be used. Jenn N has asked why not put solar panels on the roof. Steve Fahamie joined briefly. Chow will send the recording so he can consider Millerton Solar along with the landfill project. Recycle bins: Matt will take a picture of HW garage bins side by side. Deborah asked about encouraging recycling at businesses. Irving Farm has removed their recycle bin. She asked the manager about potential practices but Rich questioned which items CAN be recycled (very little). There's an opportunity to educate the Business Alliance encouraging less onerous packaging. Deborah reported that Welsh is missing drivers so they can't recycle for the moment. They don't use the big 2 compartment trucks in Millerton. She's working on more M News articles e.g. about Zero Waste. Deborah will collect her articles for CSC action backup. There is a "Rich" \$ account at Townscape if we want printouts. PE8 Brownfield site: we need to read the action to see if it qualifies. Matt said it's a county question. Rich will ask Lisa at Rail Trail the extent of what was done. Chow will give Chris V and Deborah the Earth Day List of exhibitors to apply to 3 actions, and website update info to Rich. Kathleen and Rich are working on the Comp Plan. Making an index for the Appendix is an ideal job for an intern.

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Next Task Force Meeting: December 21, 2023



Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

December 21, 2023 5:30 - 6:30, ZOOM

MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Matt Hartzog, Kathleen Spahn, Chris Virtuoso, Laurie Kerr

Absent: Claire Goodman, Chris Kennan, Rich Stalzer, Deborah Maier

Guest: Anna Harrod-McGrew, CCEDC

Minutes from November 16 were approved.

Joining NY Highlands: HVA is leading the initiative regarding a large section of the watershed. It will take a few years to have any meaning / impact but once it's in effect we will be included in a region eligible for Federal Money to give us the option to protect land, i.e. habitat links from Follow the Forest. Chow will ask the Town Board to pass a resolution to "Authorize Request For Town Of North East To Join Federally Designated Lands Of The Hudson Highlands Region" using a template from Dover.

Community GHG Inventory progress: Kathleen shared charts of town and village emissions. Within the inventory spreadsheet we are also able to compare to other towns/ the county, etc. To be confirmed if the population of 2,971 includes Millerton. Anna will check. Next step: write the inventory report including notes about land use info from assessor and HVA. A follow up project will be a CAP which, based on the inventory, focuses on priorities and what to do. Kathleen questions the missing landfill numbers. To follow up with cohort host Melanie Petapis.

Green Power Procurement: Andrew will ask Chris will sign the agreement from Brad Tito.

Benchmarking Village Hall: Laurie recommended asking Jenn for landlord energy bills.

NYSERDA's CEC program: will be dropping certain HIA's including Unified Solar Permit. 😞

Millerton Solar: Andrew will read the inverter info. to assess working capacity.

AC POWER: an exclusive agreement was signed by NE to start a viability study for landfill Solar

Road Salt: Andrew, Rich, and Chow will work on a cost benefit analysis for brine. Andrew will look into an ag 500-gallon tanker trailer with a pump (possibly used).

New Town Hall: NE submitted a PCA grant application to convert to heat pumps. To be announced in February.

Invasives & Natives: Anna will connect us with a CCE Master Gardener to ID the best common names for natives.

Water education campaign: Kathleen showed our input for the Q1 Water Bill insert: a cool calculator that shows how much water is used. We should be able to get the CSC Water Saving action if the meters are hooked up in time. Chow will add that to the Hotlist. Evidently, village residents aren't focused on the upcoming metered water charges. Opportunity to educate – especially as new billing is about to launch and following the first sticker shock. We can include education in Earth Day – perhaps as an encore event together with the library. Andrew mentioned rain barrels and rain water collecting kits. Christine Bates or Deborah could do a Millerton News Article. (BTW January 5th is a 2023 “wins” wrap up article by Deborah.)

Earth Day: Chris V and Chow met with Nancy Schaefer from Amenia about our combined Earth Day, on April 20, to be held on the Amenia lawn and/or in the gym. Repair café will be on the 27th or May. We will both share past vendors and regroup with Deborah.

Bulk Trash Day: Electronics dates will be announced in March. TBD if we can do BTD at new Highway Garage. Expand BTD to other categories. Textiles: orange bins do recycle, so we can collect on BTD, add education, transfer to an orange bin. Tires: reminder to check with Welsh on pricing. Heads up! Lots happening in April. :-0

Social Media this month: Inside storms – Indow. Laurie will send her article. Samples can be stored at the Library of Local along with camera thermal lens.

Millerton Path to Bronze: Chow showed the hotlist. Anna noted we need to know the NUMBER of recycling bins in Village Hall to submit the CSC actions. LED lights will take a couple more months. (after the Bond resolution, public meeting, etc.).

Priority for the Village Board meeting: DEC CSC grant needs proof of Policies and Procedures (approved Oct 29th). Education and Engagement strategy document needs Village blessing.

Biking and Walking Plan: Matt said a presentation to the village board is needed to finalize it. Matt and Lisa will report on the Infrastructure for biking and walking. Brownfield cleanup will come off the list of CSC possibilities. Matt will send a link to the website beta site. Matt will check on the fleet inventory with Pete Dellafagini (sp?) – the new highway head. (The highway and water offices will remain at the existing Millerton garage.)

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Next Task Force Meeting: January 18, 2024