

MONTHLY MEETING, 1/18/2024

Meeting Details:

Time: January 18, 2024 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87482637402?pwd=bFl6OXNFZ3RrZ1RUaExlWEIxQ2M4dz09>

ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Chris Coccaro, Bob Karpel, Bob Whitaker, Robert Fischman, Andrea Rojas

Town Board Liaison: Dan Welsh

Local Residents: Ava Koch, Rohan Venkatraman, Matt Denker

AGENDA

Acceptance of the December Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to accept the minutes from Bob Karpel, second by Robert Fischman and unanimously accepted.

Waste Reduction Initiatives

1. Helpsy Bin - Chris Coccaro
 - a. Chris Coccaro will share a comment log with the committee on the helpsy bin agreement
2. Food Scrap Recycling - Chris Coccaro
 - a. Signed contract with Curbside Compost for collection at 3 locations with included bin cleaning during the summer months.
 - b. Approved budget is for \$13,500

Energy

1. CREST Grant Solar Project - Dan Welsh
 - a. Chris to review and revise the alternative analysis based on comments
 - b. Apex solar has visited Onatru to review the feasibility of placing solar panels on the barns.
 - c. Additional companies have been contacted for additional competitive pricing of timber-framed solar canopies near the Tennis Courts.
2. Electric Vehicle Chargers - Dan Welsh
 - a. Chargers will be installed at Onatru Farm and the Lewisboro Library
 - b. Fundraising ideas for EV charger educational materials
 - i. Contributing a portion of charging rates from first "X" months to fundraising program
 - ii. Host an EV event with a 50/50 raffle

- iii. Host a raffle for free \$XX gift/debit card for charging at town charging stations
- iv. Coordination with Bedford 2030 on EV initiatives and events
- v. Using community solar funds to support home charger purchases or subsidize charging costs.

New Business

1. Clean Energy Communities update/opportunity
2. Year schedule for material recycling donations - paint, clothing, etc.
3. Lawn Care trade in program - additional funds are available that can be used for town purchase of electric lawn equipment.
4. Recycling center accepted materials regarding batteries and lightbulbs: No batteries or lightbulbs are accepted at the town recycling center as e-waste does not accept them and would then charge the town.
5. Smoke detector disposal - dependent on the smoke detector type (radioactive vs photoelectric). Potential opportunity to coordinate with Town fire departments for a collection event.

NOTES

- Next meeting February 15, 2024

ACTION ITEMS

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