

Agenda – Green Committee

August 6, 2024

3:45 PM –6:00 PM

Town Hall Lower Level Meeting Room

And on Zoom

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Current Projects –

- Grants – Victoria/Gary
 - Clean Energy Communities – Seth
 - Community Solar press
- Water Quality Update - Mark
- Skip the Stuff – Suzanne
- Community Composting – Joe
- Outreach – Evan
- New business

- Grants – Victoria/Gary
 - Clean Energy Communities – Seth: Bringing Peak Power on board to pursue community campaigns under CEC program. 3 programs: Community Solar, EVs and Heat Pumps
 - Seth: Contract for spending CEC grant worth \$200K, accept and spend on 1MW Solar Array on Town Auditorium roof ~\$300K, electric bill \$100K/year, will generate ~\$19K toward bill
 - How can committee get involved? See Lynn to volunteer to assist
- Water Quality Update – Mark
 - Education Forums – 2 / year
 - Water quality targeting homeowners near certain water bodies. Homeowners can turn around the condition of the bays by making different choices. Idea is to formally partner with Land Trust to put on event twice a year to raise awareness.
 - Donna – no laws that ban chemicals on lawns. If you could reduce the amount of grass on their property
 - Wetlands – Town should be doing everything possible to increase wetlands. John Steinbeck house wants to put a CPF \$14K to hire First Coastal to design and build a wetland/living shoreline around this property. Referenced another project on the north fork that is experiencing erosion.
 - Environmental groups are advocating for the Suffolk County Restoration Act/Prop 2. Plan to fund sewer districts and IA systems.
 - Tip – what is our advice to the Town Board? Good to get this topic in the public domain as it will indicate which board members are for the environment and who are not. Why not send a letter to the town board recommending .. TB can educate the public concerning the 3 public referendums on the ballot. Town should put money into educating the public on all 3.
 - Glorian – will draft a letter from the committee. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Skip the Stuff – Suzanne
 - Michael will support Town skip-the-stuff legislation. TJS: when the time comes it would help to get letter of support from the committee (Suzanne)
- Outreach – Evan
 - Waiting for website update, email address to be published, and process to be put in place operationally. Planning to request meeting with Seth to discuss.
 - Evan will send copy around
- New business
 - ICLEI – Lynn reminded Gary that we discussed this last month and the committee agreed not to entertain it. Subsequently the committee voted unanimously to keep

this topic off the committee agenda and recommended Gary meet with Tommy John Schiavoni and Janice Scherer directly if he wants to pursue it.

- Tip – recommendations have been made to Janice concerning prioritization of the Climate Action Plan. ICLEI has no place here. ICLEI was previously evaluated and kicked out.
- BESS
 - TJS: Moratorium extended for another 6 months. Tip observed a political issue is being treated as a technical issue. How to find out what the better options are when the committee doesn't seem to have any technical expertise? Maybe it's better to wait until the technology has progressed and the hazards addressed?
 - Seth: A lot of information coming in continuously. Have to revise the code. There is a process.
 - Evan – may have made a mistake by showing up in numbers and testifying in the early hearings and then not showing up at all more recently. Is there a better way to deal with controversial issues. Consider involving the NYLCV
 - TIP – Argonne National lab might have access to consultants
 - TJS: public pressure not to hire consultant that was identified to assist.

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