

Aug 24, 2023
Town of Taghkanic
Report of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Present were Doug Craig, Tim Kennelty, Bob Brush, Larry Kadish, Perry Ascher, and Jean Feinberg.

Zoom: Technical difficulties prevented us from sharing the meeting on Zoom.

1. The July meeting minutes were approved.
2. Larry presented developments with the Climate Adaptation & Resilience plan. He noted that a stack of hard copies of the CAR survey left at the town hall had been depleted, so maybe it was an indication people were completing the survey, but who knows. There has been a revision in the plan of the CAR committee, such that the participating towns will include Taghkanic – representing south CoCo – and an as yet unnamed town from north CoCo. They have also set up in-person presentation / discussions to be held at Columbia Green Community College in Sept and Oct to highlight future plans.
3. The most recent schedule has the electrical upgrades of the Town Hall and Garage happening on Aug 31.
4. There is an upcoming Taghkanic Talk on Sustainable Landscapes scheduled for Sept 9th at 10am in the Firehouse. Kristopher Williams from Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) will present. Doug will post in the Tgazette. We need to make sure we can reserve the Firehouse.

Part 2 of the Invasive Species Identification and Clean Up was on Aug 12 at Overmountain. The turnout was rather small, but the tour and information were very valuable for those who did attend.

5. Perry indicated that there seemed to be enough volunteer repairers for the Sept-30th Repair Café at the RoeJan library. Jean volunteered to help direct folks at the event.
6. Bob has contacted Barbara Healey from Germantown to discuss the Germantown Highway Department Crew training on invasive species, but has not heard back. Vacation time.
7. Doug thinks we need to do more to address climate change. He proposed that we look into an idea that Peter presented several weeks back on having a community-involved program to build insulating window inserts. We would need people to assist with building the frames (Doug will do some of this), measuring window frames accurately, and wrapping the frames with heat-shrink plastic insulating film. The idea would be that community members would participate in the build, probably at the wrapping stage. We may try a pilot build for Tim's home.

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