

Nov 30, 2023
Town of Taghkanic
Minutes of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Present were Doug Craig, Bob Brush, Larry Kadish, Perry Ascher, Jean Feinberg, Peter Paden, Charlene, Paden, Celine Kagen, David Koehler, Tony LaSalvia.

1. Climate Adaptation / Resiliency Plan

There was a discussion of the CARP Plan. There was general agreement that the Taghkanic plan outlined as a result of the meetings a Columbia Greene College was very superficial and not particularly useful for the town. We identified three actions that would be useful in preparing Taghkanic for potential climate-related threats:

- a. Organize an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP), with a focus on what to do in the face of an event like, for example, the October 4th winter storm of 1987, where trees and branches were down everywhere and even emergency vehicles were unavailable for several days. The general idea is to create a system where neighbors watch out and check on each other and can report on needed follow-up. The system would doubtless include an emergency contact list of phone numbers and email addresses, but it would be much more than that. When the plan is ready, it will be presented to the town in a Taghkanic Talk.

Tony has agreed to take the lead on organizing the plan, with help from **Larry** and **David**, and the rest of us as needed of course.

- b. Put together an emergency contact list of phone numbers / email addresses. This may be achieved using a number of approaches: solicit info at the emergency preparedness talk; add a flyer to property tax statements that will be sent out in January; other.
- c. Reach out to the authorities in the City of Hudson to become familiar with what they have done already, thought about doing, or have developed a plan for in the event of a rain event that would threaten the integrity of the reservoir on Reservoir Road. After reviewing this information, we will decide if there are any measures the town of Taghkanic ought to address related to the reservoir in its CARP agenda.

Peter Paden has offered to reach out to the City of Hudson on this matter.

2. Affordable Housing

In a discussion of the recent Taghkanic Talk presentation on Affordable Housing, it was the view of the CSC members that this was not, at present, within the scope of issues for this committee. If, at some time in the future, the town chooses to explore

creating affordable housing in Taghkanic, then there might be a role, e.g., related to land use, for the CSC / CAC to provide input.