

Jan 27, 2024  
Town of Taghkanic  
Minutes of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force

- A total of 50 new community solar subscriptions are required to reach Tier 2.
- The CSC task force is in favor of Betsy becoming the representative for the county CSCTF.
- A Feb event will be a combined presentation of community solar by Allie Naganuma (Solstice), one on heat pumps by Paul Stathis (NYSERDA), and one additional person to speak about weatherization (TBD). The committee would welcome Gallatin's participation. NYSERDA will provide pizza from JoJo's Pizza. The event is scheduled for Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30pm.
- Betsy gave an update of the tree planting plans at the Taghkanic State Park. She needs to work out details with park officials, and the event will have to undergo SEQR review. In addition, arrangements need to be completed for a hike through the park with Tim and/or the park supervisor to identify planting sites. Betsy will invite Gallatin to participate, since half of TSP is in Gallatin.
- Tony, others talked about our desire to organize a list of contact information (phone, emails) for residents as part of our own Emergency Preparedness planning. How to go about doing this was discussed. Celine indicated the OFA would also be looking to develop a call list for the "aging".
- Charlene mentioned that she would like the town to follow up on our Taghkanic Talk from October on Affordable Housing. Many members were on board with that, and Doug was going to follow up at the upcoming Affordable Housing event at the Roe Jan library to see what was developing. Charlene may approach the Board to see about creating an Affordable Housing Committee.
- The WTD will be closing for 6 months or more to undergo major renovations. They are still interested and committed to installing EV chargers – possible two sets of 4. The WTD has purchased the property that lies between their parking lot and the Taconic PKWY. They plan to renovate that plumbing, electrical, some structural elements, install a ramp, and resurface the parking lot with a permeable gravel substrate.
- Tony received notice from the DEC on data for the upper section of the Taghkanic Creek. We might want to apply for a grant to get water assessment data on the lower Taghkanic Creek, which is listed as a trout stream and also for aluminum pollution.

With documentation that will be submitted this month for actions (Lighting upgrades at TH and Garage; heat pump installations in town) that will take up beyond the 3000-point level, we expect to hear soon that Taghkanic is eligible for a \$50K grant.