

## MINUTES

### NYACK CLIMATE SMART COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

Attendance: Andy Stewart, Liz McGrory, Maegan Ciolino, Kier Levesque, Jim Wilcox, Kathy Schwarz, Steve Cea, Peggy Kurtz, Yvonne Rode, Pearl Gray, Harry Vetter, Marcy Denker

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#### 1. TRANSPORTATION

**Bike Racks** We need a map of good locations for more bike racks.

**ACTION:** Steve will ask Andrew Goodwillie if he will get this started.

**EV Campaign** – Nyack reached Tier Two (25 new EV or hybrids sold since start of campaign in Nov. 23). Total Clean Energy points so far = 500 Total grants \$12,500.

**Village EV Purchases** Nyack is about to purchase a new EV for the Building Dept. Purchase will include \$15,000 in CEC grant funds. More EV purchases planned.

**DOT [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#)** This may be an opportunity for a multi-community effort for planning transportation. Grant deadline in April.

**ACTION:** Marcy to follow up with Steve and Andy about having a call or with Piermont and other nearby communities.

**9W Shared Use Path NYMTC Meetings**

See info below about information sessions.

**ACTION:** Steve will ask the Transportation Committee about having members attend and report back.

#### 2. ENERGY & BUILT ENVIRONMET

**Electrification Workshop** A workshop at the Nyack Library will address the EV and heat pump campaigns under the umbrella of electrification. Date to be determined soon, and then presenters and outreach will be coordinated.

**Community Solar Campaign** Nyack and Upper Nyack are developing a plan for a cooperative campaign to promote community solar. Joule Assets would be a project partner, vetting companies, fielding questions, tracking subscriptions.

**ACTION:**

**Peggy** to provide language about Joule's role. March 7.

**Marcy** to provide a project description for Village Board. March 8.

**Concrete** Harry and Marcy are working on learning current status of low carbon concrete options (using ground glass pozzolan) for projects in Rockland

**ACTION: Harry** to contact local concrete manufacturers about readiness to produce the Rivertown mix and with and Mayor Armacost to find out where they get the glass pozzolan.

**Asphalt with recycled content.**

**ACTION: Pearl** will research.[Check with communities such as Kingston and Bedford, contractor who did the TAP project. Marcy has a contact at Westchester County Planning. LEED and Sustainable Sites will have guidance. See also book *Materials for Sustainable Sites* (Marcy's has a copy.)

**DPW Upgrades Tristan** has arranged for one of the junior engineers he works with to do an energy audit of DPW based on the work Tristan already did pro bono. He will track his hours and we'll figure out if we need to just cover his time. It (should be very quick in terms of hours) and it will save the cost of the NYSERDA audit. Then we will submit for a grant to do a list of energy efficiency upgrades to DPW with CEC funding,

### 3. WASTE

**Construction & Demolition Waste** We should develop a policy.

**ACTION: Marcy** will discuss with Building Inspector and Planner.

**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing** - Yvonne, Glenn, Marcy are drafting this and plan to share a draft by the end of March.

### 4. NATURAL RESOURCES

#### **Memorial Park**

Discussion of the possibility of renewing engagement with park planning, design and programming by, foregrounding sustainability. Marcy created [this shared document](#) outlining a possible plan.

### 5. OUTREACH

#### **Carbon footprint Calculator for Website**

**ACTION: xx** will compare various calculators for possibly putting on the website and share with the team.

## Earth Week/Month

### ACTIONS

**Maegan** will share an invitation to a call with reps from other green groups.

**Pearl** will organize tabling at Nyack Farmers Market for April 25. **Andy, Peggy, and others** volunteered to table.

6. **VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT/ADAPTATION PLAN** Nyack has been awarded a grant to conduct a climate change vulnerability and adaptation plan. Marcy will coordinate the project, which will start soon and take about a year.
7. **NEXT MEETING April 2, 2024 5:30 Village Hall**

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### SHARED USE PATH MEETINGS

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) will host a series of three virtual Community Visioning Workshops to discuss its Palisades Shared Use Path Study in the coming weeks.

All workshops are open to the public and will be held:

**Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, March 13th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

(Chambers of commerce, businesses, and bike shops are encouraged to attend.)

**Wednesday, March 20th from 12:00 – 1:30 pm**

(Elected officials, municipalities, public agencies, parks, community boards, and school districts are encouraged to attend.)

Any of the three Zoom workshops can be reached by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/4br2ab4v> with Meeting ID 862 2557 1667. The meeting is also reachable by phone: (646) 931-3860. Register for any workshop through this link: <https://bit.ly/PalisadesReg>. The flyer is attached in English, Spanish, and Korean.

Each workshop will provide attendees the opportunity to help determine the path's route and amenities while learning more about the study's process and goals. The workshops will also encourage the interested public's suggestions, feedback, and their experiences along the proposed route, which traverses both Bergen and Rockland counties. Two in-person Community Visioning Workshops for the project will be announced in the spring.

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