

Nyack Climate Smart Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

Attending

Doug Kaufman, Shelley Kaufman, Frankie Lede, Taylor Mandelbaum, Kathy Schwarz, Rachel Lovell, Joel Newton, Marcy Denker, Peggy Kurtz, Andy Stewart, Glenn Sungela

I. NYACK 2030 CAP

- Presentation of draft at Village Board meeting, 9/14
- Final draft CAP to DEC by Sept.30. Public Comments Oct-Nov. Adopted plan by end of year.
- Announcement and celebration. CSC will plan an event for January to present the CAP and priority projects for 2024.

II. CLIMATE SMART COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Those present confirmed that they would like to participate in Working Groups as listed below. CSC members will attend monthly meetings and the working groups will organize projects and coordinate with community partners as needed. Steve will lead the Energy and Transportation Working Groups. Marcy will lead the Communication, Natural Resources, and Waste Working Groups.

ADMIN

Marcy Denker and Steve Cea Co-chairs
Andy Stewart, Village Administrator

WORKING GROUPS

Communication

Marcy Denker
Liz McGrory
Rosemary Farrell - Writing
Doug Kauffman (maybe)
Joel Newton
Kathy Schwarz

Natural Resources

Marcy Denker
Rachel Lovell
Joel Newton

Waste

Marcy Denker
Glenn Sungela - Waste, Rockland County EMC
Kelly Rames - **Waste**, Rockland Composters
Christina Leano

Energy

Steve Cea
Taylor Mandelbaum
Tristan Schwartzman
Peggy Kurtz
Frankie Lede

Transportation

Steve Cea
Maegan Ciolino
Kathy Schwarz
Shelley Kaufmann

Other members

Sean Mack?
Pearl Gray
Grace Chan, Nyack Public Schools

FOCUS AREAS–Preliminary list of first actions

Communications

The WG will draft an outreach strategy for review this fall. It will include proposals for a Nyack 2030 website, newsletter, social media and community venues, partners and audiences,

The CSC will have a shared calendar that WGs can start to populate with actual and proposed events for the coming year. These will include established events like Arbor Day as well as new ones according to the goals, seasons ,etc. As campaign ideas get developed more events will be added.

Action: Marcy to send a shared calendar.

Transportation Group

Kathy and Doug mentioned a new group called [Rocklanders for Alternatives to Driving](#). They will reach out to the organizer to learn more and report back.

EV Campaign The Clean Energy Communities program has an EV Campaign action. The CSC will consider when and how to do a campaign. [Campaign Scoping Document](#)

Actions:

Steve will follow up with WG members about actions to consider for the coming year.

Energy

Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign The Clean Energy Communities program has a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign action. The CSC will consider when and how to do a campaign. [Campaign Scoping Document](#)

Actions:

Steve will follow up with WG members about actions to consider for the coming year.

Natural Resources

Love Em and Leave Em and Leafblowers

Now is the time for planning outreach. Rachel made materials last year that the Village sent out. Joel, Marcy and Rachel to discuss.

Actions:

Marcy will follow up with WG members about planning by Sept.20.

Waste

Pay to Throw – A recommendation should be added to the CAP: Consider changing to pay to throw, or putting a lower cap on the number of cans a house can put out, to push better use of recycling program?

<https://nysfocus.com/2023/08/22/trash-fee-waste-plan-new-york>

CAP still has missing information we need from Rockland Green

Actions:

Marcy will follow up with WG members about actions and to consider for the coming year.

Meeting Time and Contacts

The regular meeting time for the CSC should be 5:30.

Actions:

Marcy will check/ask the group to submit their available options.

Members should fill in phone numbers on [this list](#).
