

Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board Workshop Meeting Notes January 19, 2022

Present: Chris Beadle, Ted Nitza, Kenji Tierney, Rich Whitney,

Amanda Gotto, Planning Board Liaison

Janelle Peotter, Climate Smart Liaison

Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Town Board Liaison

Kathy Preston, Secretary

Discussion began at 7:41 pm.

The CSC Task Force has completed their End-of Year report and will be presenting that to the Town Board in February, as well as an updated and revamped Greenhouse Gas inventory. A Repair Café resolution and Fleet Inventory are in progress.

The next Meetup is on February 1st at 6:00 and will address creating energy efficient municipal buildings. The presentation by Rick Alfandre from Alfandre Architecture will focus on sustainable design and green building. The Zoom link is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84363953197?pwd=SWJ2S1BDcnJmdjhRdTdXb1RDVfLUT09>

There was a discussion regarding climate-smart landscaping and supplementing the tree law with resources and guidance for replanting. Janelle will work on a draft document.

The tiffin project has put in a fourth wholesale order and some retailers are getting on board.

Liz Elkin of Bloom will be presenting a proposal to the Town Board to reduce invasives along the Empire State Trail.

There was a discussion regarding the mechanics and community benefit of volunteer groups such as Habitat Healers, Barberryans, and the Mill Brook Preserve's Weedy Wednesdays.

Ted will attend the February 4 Planning Board meeting and Kenji will attend on February 28.

The Village EPB had no quorum for January but has a new High School member and should be back to normal for the February meeting.

Amanda reviewed the January 10 Planning Board Meeting. Trans-Hudson and HVFCU waivers were granted, Viking Industries will require SEQRA. Hampton Inn and Viking are on the docket for January 24.

The next EnCB meeting will be Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm.

Discussion ended at 8:20 pm.