

New Paltz Climate Smart Task Force

New Paltz Community Center

7:00 pm

Monday November 18, 2019

Agenda

1. Introductions – new member Hope Nitza
2. Vulnerability Study (Amanda):
Workshop on December 4th at 7:00 Village Hall for Town & Village Boards
Task Force invited
3. Action Group updates.
 - **6 Rs - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Repair, Recycle** (Wendy Rudder)
 1. Next Repair Café in New Paltz is November 23rd
 2. Messaging regarding holidays?
 - **Green Business** (Janelle Peotter) –
 1. Need to find new people to contact restaurants and pick up the Green Business Challenge where our three high school students off.
 2. Rotary invitation to speak at their January 9th meeting at Garvans
 - **Green Spaces** (Liz Elkins)
 1. Update on pollinator plantings done on November 3rd
 2. Mowing code – public hearing update
 - **Green Transportation** (Janelle Peotter)
 1. Complete Streets Ad Hoc Committee
 - **Publicity, Social Media, Press Releases** (Jim Gordon and Victoria Hilton)
 1. Jim Gordon - willing to write press releases
 2. Janelle is getting out monthly newsletters – submit by end of month.
 3. Victoria is still doing our social media posts.
 - **Youth** – (leader still needed)
 1. December 6th Climate Strike
 2. Ideas from Hope regarding youth actions and involvement
 - **Alternative Energy** (Janelle, Mark, Jim and Liz)
 1. update regarding solar on the landfill - SolSystems
 2. solar law
 3. CCA – letters going out in next few days
 - **Lifestyle** (Orelle and Janelle)
 1. Recap of last Meetup which was Tuesday November 5th at 6:00. The title was “**Fixing stuff, Creating Community & Repairing the World**”. We now have 79 members in our Meetup group.

2. December Meetup will be Climate Smart Holidays – needs further planning
3. Who can write up the Meetups for newspaper publication?

4. Calendar:

- Thursday November 21st Warm Up to Winter (weatherization, etc) at St Joseph's Church
- Tuesday December 3rd 6:00 Meetup at Unison "Climate Smart Holidays"
- Monday December 16th 7:00 Task Force Meeting at Community Center
- Friday January 10th: deadline for next Climate Smart Communities certification applicants