

Kent Climate Smart Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 22, 2020 7:00 PM

Attendees: Chris Ruthven, Coordinator, Bill Buck, Anne B. Campbell, Susan Gin, Jasper Katzban, Bill Volckmann, Pamela Wadler

How green in my town survey

Supervisor Fleming is committed to completing the survey by obtaining the remaining information that the Kent CAC was unable to glean from town employees.

Community Choice Aggregation

Supervisor Fleming is interested in meeting with Jeff Domanski of Hudson Valley Energy to learn more about the NYS Community Choice Aggregation program. Potential meeting with Jeff Demanski on Jan. 7, to be followed by possible presentation to the Town Board. She may also discuss this with supervisors from other towns.

NYSERDA Clean Energies Community Program

Actions for which credits towards funding is awarded include:

- Climate Smart certification
- 10% reduction in energy usage
- Certified solar permits
- Join Community Choice Aggregation program

Putnam 100 program

Joe Montuori of Sustainable Putnam has indicated that community members are reluctant to commit to the Putnam 100 program and use the energy calculator. The group is working on an alternative approach that may seem more inviting. We will reconsider linking Putnam 100 on the Kent Climate Smart website and may instead link to the alternative program from Sustainable Putnam once it has been introduced.

Executive order

A next step towards certification is to form the committee officially and appoint coordinators. This can be done by executive order or a resolution by the Town Board. Anne to draft language for Town Board to act upon. Chris to refer to town attorney to determine if this can be named officially as an advisory committee to the Kent CAC.

Website costs

May be covered in the town's 2020 or 2021 accounts. Anne to submit invoices from Jasper Katzban, website developer.

Greenhouse gas inventory

Supervisor Fleming has committed to helping get data of utility usage and other energy bills for 2020. Anne will review the inventory spreadsheet and provide information on needed data and formats.

Natural Resources Inventory

Funding decision is pending.

Town of Kent Website

We need to draft content for Kent Climate Smart page to be added to the Town of Kent website, with a link to the Climate Smart website.

Kent Climate Smart Website

Jasper presented wire frame -

<https://www.figma.com/proto/ODuxQNx6jkE5SO5ceWFsO3/KENT-CSC?node-id=3%3A1543&viewport=1045%2C420%2C0.2814899981021881&scaling=min-zoom>

Donate – Determine where people can donate/ provide list of options i.e. Kent Conservation Foundation projects, such as NRI or Biodiversity survey; [The Kent Conservation Foundation – Preserving Kent's natural treasures \(thekcf.org\)](#)

Progress – Add section on current projects and progress; Anne to draft copy

Next Meeting

Tues. Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm via Webex

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