

**Town of Kent Climate Smart Communities  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2021**

**Attendees**

Anne B. Campbell  
Chris Ruthven  
Bill Buck  
Bill Volckmann  
Kathy Kahng  
Pamela Wadler  
Susan Gin

**Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)**

- Discussed CCA and how best to approach talking to town board and growing interest.
- With understanding that even with town resolution to pursue CCA, does not mean town must commit to any CCA provider, should rates not be acceptable
- Understanding that process to move to a CCA must cover an actual, contractually guaranteed rate reduction, otherwise no residents or TB members will go for it

**NYS DEC grants opportunity**

- Initial thought is to pursue grant for highway dept. work in resizing or fixing culverts, etc.
- Food scrap collection at KRC may not be possible for various reasons (space, volunteer staffing, NYS DEC usage permit restrictions)
  - Collecting food scraps at a recycling center is NOT really a part of the new law
  - New law is really aimed at point-source generators of food waste, such as restaurants
  - Decision to not pursue this for food scrap collection at KRC

**NYS DEC grant for Natural Resources Inventory**

- Discuss options for Letters of Support as suggested by Caleb Duncan of Millennium Strategies (Town Grant Writer).
- Anne will forward draft letters of support to various persons for review and use/signing