

Kent Climate Smart Committee meeting October 27, 2021

Attendees: Chris Ruthven Coordinator, Bill Buck, Anne B Campbell, Kathy Kahng, Bill Volckmann, Pamela Wadler

Hudson River Estuary grant awarded for NRI

Town of Kent has been selected for a grant from Hudson River Estuary for the NRI project.

Schedule meeting with Caleb Duncan from Millennium Strategies to steer the process of accepting the grant; start date. Bill B. to get contract updated.

Pam to draft announcement and press release on grant award; distribute after town board announcement 11/9.

Soil & Water grant for ash tree clean up

Chris to follow up with Soil & Water on next steps for grant awarded to clean up ash trees in public areas.

Community Solar Campaign

36 subscribers assigned on Ampion to date. Power Market is now available and Common Energy is pending.

Ampion & Power Market are currently posted on the Sustainable Putnam website and linked from the Kent Climate Smart Website.

Anne to upload customer addresses to the NYSERDA portal to receive the \$5000 grant funding.

Chris will obtain town energy account numbers with NYSEG. If the Town changes over to Ampion it will qualify towards Climate Smart points as a Clean Energy Upgrade.

Press releases will be sent to the Putnam County Courier and Putnam County Press.

Marketing

Website & Mailchimp usernames and passwords turned over to Anne (from Jasper); discuss with Susan Gin to manage and update

Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign

\$5000 award if 3 people to install electric heat pumps. Two recommended suppliers. Follow up with how Philipstown progresses to determine how to pursue

Next projects

Solar thermal

- Start education process; draft content for website
- Look into Dandelion geo-thermal in lake communities

CEC Institute Seminars

Invitation to attend webinar Nov. 16 at 1:00 pm

Next Meeting

Tues. Nov. 23 at 7:00 pm

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