

Town of Shandaken, NY CAC meeting minutes for September 16, 2024

Members present: Beth Waterman, Robert Cruickshank, Angel Molina (via zoom), Karen Lee (via zoom), Catherine del Tufo

6:32 pm Pledge of allegiance

Note: Disaster Prep meeting October 21st 6:30 pm

Minutes approved by R Cruickshank and seconded by B Waterman

#### Announcements

K Lee and B Waterman attended Ulster Co roundtable meeting in August with many other CAC's and EMC's. Networking and idea sharing was very helpful and interesting.

K Lee and B Waterman also met with Pattern for Progress on zoom to discuss the town comprehensive plan and sustainability elements required for Climate Smart Communities. This was followed up by both attending the PH2 meeting at PHCC continuing the CSC conversation. K Lee will attend an additional related meeting later this evening.

Food waste collection is reported to have reached 100 gallons per week (equalling 10# of compost), collected at town recycling center and farm market, as per James Amenta. Also, thanks go to Joe Rorella for managing the collection site at town hall.

Community Climate Action Plan group met to strategize transportation issues.

HVRC with Eleanor Peck conducted a zoom meeting with all Ulster Co participating communities in the Clean Energy Communities plan. B Waterman and C del Tufo both attended. Waterman was impressed by Woodstock's progress.

NYSERDA campaigns reviewed by Waterman with Meena Viswanathan, from HVRC. Points were discussed. In addition to the \$30K already awarded, the CAC will receive an additional \$67K, all going to the town of Shandaken's Clean energy projects. Next level may be achieved with additional heat pump installations.

Cruickshank gives an update regarding Community Solar issues. He is currently training to use a mapping program to possibly identify new locations for solar projects. Also, as part of the Ulster Co renewable energy integration plan, a report has been submitted and a comment period is underway.

6:57 Cruickshank motions to adjourn, Waterman seconds

Next meeting 10/21/2024 6:30 pm