

Town of Marlborough Conservation Advisory Committee

Report to the Town Board

Monday, January 9, 2023

The Conservation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 4, at the Marlboro Library Community Room.

The purpose of this, our third meeting to discuss the Climate Smart Community (CSC) initiative, was to discuss and gather information on some of the projects that the Board has achieved or is in the process of achieving that already puts the Town in an excellent position to register as a Climate Smart Community. We are fully aware of and join the Board's intention that additional money and/or money saving avenues to achieve the goals of the Town are at the forefront of becoming a CSC.

To remind the Board, the CSC initiative devised a point system to achieve different levels of accreditation. With each level, the doors to grant opportunities open.

At our meeting, we identified these projects that would already have the potential to pursue Bronze status, the first level of achievement:

- Create a CSC task force - 8 points

- Naming a CSC coordinator - 8 points

- The Solar Farm/Nexcam project - 250 points

- LED lighting upgrades - 120 points

We also identified some areas easily achieved and points that would be determined upon completion:

- Native tree plantings

- Trees for Tribes through the DEC

- Public forums on cost savings by converting to solar produced energy

- Forum on Passive Housing - a key to money savings for builders & homeowners

These are just a few ideas that were discussed. The combined talents of the members will undoubtedly afford us many ways to achieve Bronze status.

Of course, it is the job of the CAC to pursue all of the necessary requirements and documentation, **and do the work** to achieve this success for the Town. A list of the names of CAC members is included for the Board's acceptance. I have verified that each person has voluntarily asked to serve.

Most importantly, when the Board passes a resolution stating the Town's desire to pursue the Climate Smart Community initiative, we can register to become a CSC. This is the first requirement. We ask for your consideration and direction to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Mici Simonofsky, CAC Chair pro tem

Enc: membership roster