

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH CAC
MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 7, 2023
Marlboro Free Library, 6:30 PM

The CAC met in person as well as via zoom on March 7. We were very interested in the presentation delivered by Jeff Eckes, Certified Passive House Tradesman. He spoke of the basics of Passive House construction, explaining how specific insulation and construction techniques render a building to be energy efficient thereby saving the owner costs. Using these techniques on new construction, the savings could prove to give a return on investment in as little as five years. We hope to make this information more widely available as Passive Housing applications can reduce carbon emissions thus saving the environment, but also to help homeowners who are renovating or planning new construction on ways to save money.

We also plan on having a display at the forthcoming Main Street Blossom Festival planned for April 30. One of our members who is also a bee keeper will be showing the importance of bees in agriculture and our environment.

We also want the public to know that the Department of Environmental Conservation is once again offering its Trees for Tribes project. Municipalities as well as private landowners may apply for free bare root plantings. These are especially intended to protect areas such as streambeds. For details and an application visit their website <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>. The CAC will be checking in as well to see if plantings would be appropriate for any Town owned properties. I will report back on that if it can be determined that this would be of benefit to the Town.

We welcome new members and new observers. We plan on sharing a zoom meeting link for all meetings so that people can find out more about Climate Smart Communities and CAC activities. We will also be offering notices to go on the Town website about our work. Our residents are encouraged to follow us there until we can develop social media. And, as I say, any citizen who would volunteer their skills on social media, land research, environmental experiences and the like, would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mici Simonofsky, Chair Pro Tem