

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT TO MARLBOROUGH TOWN BOARD**  
**AUGUST 14, 2023**

The summer vacation schedules of members dictated some changes in our July and August meeting dates as well as turnout, but we continue to plan for future presentations to the public as well as our ongoing work as a Climate Smart Community.

I believe you received a rather lengthy written report in July explaining the meetings member Koszarek and I have had with people from the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC) as well as some of their associates. Through our relationship with them through the Climate Smart Community (CSC) program, we have been invited to join a cohort of communities known as Clean Energy Communities. The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program is funded by NYSERDA and with a recent increase in their program, the Town has the possibility of up to \$100,000 in awards as we successfully follow their format which basically mirrors the Climate Smart Communities path to bronze certification.

Participating in the cohort lends the CAC assistance of the cohort team in gathering and reporting data using their guidance, suggested templates, and analytical formats. This will save the CAC so much time and give us professional expertise that will help us toward meeting our bronze certification goal.

To formalize the CAC participation with the HVRC and the CCEUC in this regard and admission to the cohort, tonight the Board is asked to adopt two resolutions which outline the CAC's role and duties to undertake a "Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Community Climate Action Plan", and another resolution that supports the CAC in "Establishing Benchmarking Requirements for Certain Municipal Buildings". We thank you for your support.

In the past I have explained that the CAC wants to have a more noticeable presence in the community. I spoke with Sheila Mannese of Meet Me in Marlborough about having a table at the Farmers' Market and the Bounty Festival. She is open to that but suggested that I obtain Board approval to be able to represent the Town there rather than her approving a Town group specifically. I don't know if you need a motion to that effect but I would like the Board's OK. If you agree we can plan accordingly.

As always, the public is invited to like our Facebook page and participate with us on environmental issues. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6, 6:15 Marlboro Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mici Simonofsky, Chair