

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025 Town Hall, New Lebanon. 5PM

Present: Kris Cottom, Steve Powers, Cathy Wilkerson

Due to a lack of a quorum, minutes were not approved, Steve proceeded to business:

Battery recycling: More 1301 pounds recycled

Walkable Downtown:-Another meeting held yesterday. The engineer will prepare costs for options of variations that could include a hybrid of concrete and stone dust as well as a shortened version and a potential extension from the High School to the park.

CEC status- \$250,000 NYSERDA grant progress for Community Center. The battery backup is being installed along with the solar panels.

The **LVPA Water Tank** was delivered today!

The **Plastic recycling program** we're up to 824 lbs since we started (61 since Feb 9, 2025- the new round start date)

The Hazard Mitigation Plan -the consultants submitted the latest version which did not include any of our suggested changes. We will push back to make sure they are incorporated.

Bike Tune Up Days are being scheduled

Lawyers and engineers are working on the **Landfill capping plan.**

We are awaiting confirmation on potential **Cornell Coop Ext partnerships for culvert evaluations & CSC projects**

Bruce presented the New Lebanon CSC experience in a workshop at the AOT Annual Meeting on Feb 17 in NYC

The **Affordable Housing and Conservation Pilot Project.** has been approved and is moving ahead. Adelia will represent the CSC on the committee.

Earth Day cleanup will be **April 26**

Cathy reported that **County's digester is now repaired.** Kitchen scraps had continued to be collected during its absence

The first **Repair Café**- will be on March 29 in Austerlitz with one in New Lebanon on May 10 at the Community Center, and for the New Lebanon Seniors June 20 at the Community Center.

Liz reported that the **Free Store** is getting more visitors than ever

Last year, the **Bike Repair program** refurbished or repaired 200 bikes refurbished and gave out 66

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Poreba