

TOWN OF CHATHAM – Climate Smart / ActionTask Force  
Meeting notes Nov 24, 2020

Present- Kevin, Vance, Deborah, John, Karla, Tara, Rick, Melissa & guest Mike DeWein

Stretch Code Presentation by Mike DeWein- It's 10% more efficient than existing NY code. On average, it's less than 10 years for payback. Is near net-zero for residential construction, and provides incentives for net zero construction in both residential and business construction. Stretch Code improves the structure's performance from mechanicals, materials and appliances. The state will provide a single volume code manual, as well as a hotline for direct assistance. Adopting a commitment to Stretch Code will open us up to grant \$. Training is available for inspectors and local contractors.  
[nyscrda.ny.gov/stretchenergy2020](http://nyscrda.ny.gov/stretchenergy2020)

Angus – met with Ian Latimer about the NYSERDA draft law that would allow for commercial solar fields in Chatham. Got suggestions on how to write it to protect Ag land. Sent draft to Scenic Hudson and Ag+Markets for input. Once our group agrees on the draft, we present it to the Town Board for consideration and hopeful adoption. We received a marked up version of it, and Angus would like our comments.

Kevin- NYPA re-presented to the Town Board about the street light update proposal. It's complicated by the fact that the lighting is paid for by a tax on those who live in the lighting districts. The Board will have to consider that on top of the proposal itself. To Be continued at the next Board meeting

Deborah – presented to the Town Board about the additional help and grant money the Town could get if we apply for the program looking to help Climate Smart Hudson Valley communities get to the Bronze Level. The deadline is Dec 14. The letter should get signed by the board next week at their next meeting.

Rick – Columbia County is officially a Climate Smart county. The county version of our group consists of: Rick, Kara, Donal, Tistrya, Ruth, Michael OHara, and Christian Sweningen.

Angus – Solarize Chatham received one last proposal from Solstice. He'd like our Solarize Chatham subgroup to set up a meeting to review the proposals.

Angus – the proposed Comp Plan Survey questions have been forwarded to the group. Please review and reply with comments.

Kevin – David Levow inquired about the EV charging station and whether it was turning a profit. Still short of that by around \$4300. Tara reminded us that it was not installed to be profit generating, but as a service to propel greener options in the area, and as an action item that led us to a 30k grant for the Highway Department heating upgrade.

Tara – will be out on a 3 month Maternity leave as of January. Jill Falchi-Henck will be subbing in for the interim.

Next Meeting Dec 22, 6pm