

September 22 Climate Smart Task Force Committee Meeting  
present: Kevin, Deborah, Tara, Angus, Melissa, John Cooley (midway through)

#### Recycling Letter Update

Melissa- analysis of our trash reveals a lot of plastic packaging film/bags, but without research in to whether green options exist, it may not be the most productive avenue for a campaign. Focusing on more immediate recycling issues could have more impact. Suggests we try to solve the black container recycling issue one of 4 ways:

Find out why the hauler hasn't made an effort to resolve this,  
target the manufacturer of the sorting machine hasn't addressed this, or  
target the plastic supplier to not sell black until it can be recycled, or  
target the buyers of black plastic to switch to a color that is recycled

Kevin- There's a recently formed Columbia County group called Zero Waste that is meeting in October via Zoom that may have information that can further our efforts. Kevin and Melissa agree to attend their online meeting October 17 and report back, Kevin will forward the info in case others want to attend.

#### NYPA

Kevin will follow up - still awaiting a reply

#### Stretch Code

Karla not present, so no update

#### NYSERDA

Tara- Since we submitted our scoping document for Solarize Chatham, the state is rolling out a new program. They contacted us and suggested we hold off and submit our document once the new program is unveiled. It should yield better funding options.

#### Food Waste Recycling

The state issued a new law requiring large food waste generating businesses to forward it to composting facilities if one exists within 25 miles. No one is clear on whether there is a facility within 25 miles of Chatham.

#### Solarize Chatham

Angus- Application on hold while changeover takes place. Has received applications from Delaware River Solar. Astral Power replied with questions, Solstice may apply. Ancram's solar program is offering \$100 back to the community for each signup - wonders if we can seek similar.

Next meeting October 27, 6pm.