

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- March, 2022

1. We have achieved 4 High Impact Actions in the Clean Energy Communities Program, making a \$5000 grant available to us for green projects. We have decided to use some of the money on EV Charger finances and the rest on building audits, designed to help businesses and municipal buildings become more energy efficient. Once we have all the details, we will submit for these grant funds.
2. The Repair Café is holding an event at the Gardiner Library on 2/27.
3. Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we are developing an RFP for developers. Due to varied visions for the transfer station land from different groups, we have begun creating a sub-committee of municipal stakeholders to collaborate and problem-solve any challenges.
4. We are analyzing the usage and cost data from the EV Charger so we can determine how much to charge customers after the 2 years of free electricity is over on June 1, 2022. Likely customer charges will be 25 cents per kWh.
5. We are coordinating with Open Space Commission and ECC to discuss an NRI Local Law, pending the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. This local law would make Gardiner's NRI a foundation for land development.
6. We are beginning to plan 3 upcoming events: Riverkeeper Sweep, Trees for Tribs & Arbor Day.
7. We are coordinating with Ulster County to make the Ulster County Fair more green and sustainable.
8. We are working to update Gardiner's GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
9. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
10. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
11. We have joined ICLEI, a network of governments focused on sustainability; they are providing us tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory. We are hoping to have the annual dues renewed. We have organized a sub-committee to complete this inventory and hope to present the results to the Town Board in the coming months.
12. We recently met with Joule and CCA pricing now seems more favorable, so we are hoping to move forward with this program soon. We also met to discuss possible Community solar opt-in options with Joule.
13. Our monthly meetings use the ZOOM platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>