

## CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- September, 2021

- 1) Even given inclement weather, the Gardiner Repair Café held its first event since COVID on 8/22/21 and it was a great success! It was an indoor/outdoor event at the Gardiner Library and some of the items fixed included lamps, camera, jewelry, a vacuum cleaner, and even a door and sign for the Library. Thank you to all the repair coaches who help us fix our beloved items.
- 2) NYSERDA is offering an Energy Code Enforcement Training on 10/6/21. If the Code Enforcement Officer completes this training and we become a certified CSC, we will have achieved 4 High Impact Actions in the Clean Energy Communities Program, making a \$5000 grant available to us for green projects.
- 3) We partnered with Ulster County officials to showcase “green” vendors/educators at the Ulster County Fair. We also helped coordinate a CSC orientation to folks from the Fair who expressed interest in volunteering in their local communities.
- 4) Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we are developing an RFP for developers and hope to present a plan to Town Board for review soon.
- 5) We will be sending a quarterly summary of our activities to the Gardiner Gazette so residents are informed of our activities.
- 6) We are considering ways to utilize low carbon concrete for the basketball court at Majestic Park.
- 7) We are working to update Gardiner’s GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
- 8) We continue to work on LED Streetlight conversion options. Central Hudson completed their audit, and we presented to the Town Board in July to discuss redesign and conversion options. Town Board members will be meeting with NYPA to discuss these details in greater depth.
- 9) We have joined ICLEI, a network of governments focused on sustainability; they are providing us tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory. We have organized a sub-committee to complete this inventory. The GHG Inventory training recently began and will run until November, 2021, when we hope to complete the inventory.
- 10) We are now waiting on other municipalities to join our Joule CCA bloc and monitoring CCA pricing, so we can offer the best green deal to residents. We recently met with Joule to discuss our next steps. We are hoping to add a community solar opt-out option to our CCA program, where Gardiner residents would be able to take advantage of 10% off their electric bill through community solar, in addition to savings from our CCA project.
- 11) We sent in our application for Bronze certification in June, 2021. A lot of work went into this application and its contents. We should hear back from the NYS DEC by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. We want to thank the community and Town Board for their participation in this effort.
- 12) 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/>

