

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- December, 2022

1. We met with David Church to discuss ways to implement climate smart initiatives from the Comprehensive Plan, such as the updated 2016 Unified Solar Permit and NRI local law.
2. We met with Gillian from Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss participation in the Disaster Preparedness Outreach Project, where she would assist Gardiner in publicizing available local resources in the event of a disaster. Thereafter, she presented to the Town Board and we hope to begin working with them soon on this project, pending Town Board approval.
3. Ben Eckstein from Sustainable Hudson Valley will present to us about publicizing a Green Group Purchase Program, where local residents could make renewable/green purchases at discounted group rates.
4. The Gardiner Repair Café was on 11/27 at the Gardiner Library.
5. Two CSG members will be speaking on their experiences with NYSERDA's Climate Action Plan project to members of Hudson Valley Regional Council's new Climate Action plan project.
6. We are coordinating with Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Chair of the Legislature, to discuss the Ulster County Green Fleet Policy, as we have begun to discuss a possible local green procurement policy.
7. We are recruiting interns to work on Gardiner's Emergency Plan and other projects.
8. We are coordinating with volunteers in Marlboro to support their CSC implementation.
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 are working on helping local farms implement green audits.
11. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
12. We are continuing to move forward with CCA implementation and recently met with Joule to restart this process.
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/>