

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- January, 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 are deciding what green projects to pursue and then will submit for these grant funds.
2. Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we are developing an RFP for developers and have begun creating a sub-committee to consider next steps.
3. 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. Due to increased expenses, free charging is now limited to 2 free hours per car per day and 25 cents per additional kWh. We are working out the logistics of fee-for-charging for customers.
4. Two Gardiner residents are participating in the “Mid-Hudson Regional Solar Mapping Project.” Through this training, offered through The Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition Energy Working Group, we will assess Gardiner land for solar array suitability, given electrical, agricultural, and environmental considerations.
5. We are working to update Gardiner’s GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
6. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
7. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
8. 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 and hope to complete the inventory in the coming months.
9. 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 hope to include 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.
10. We are beginning to compile data for our 2021 Annual Summary for the public and Town Board.
11. 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/>