

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- December, 2021

- 1) Jean McGrane presented on the Community Preservation Fund to the CSG Taskforce at our November CSG meeting.
- 2) Many of our sustainability and climate smart suggestions were included in Gardiner's new Comprehensive Plan draft. Great job!
- 3) Repair Café will be held on 11/28/21 at the Gardiner Library from 1-4PM. At this great local community event, the public can bring their beloved, but broken, items for repair
- 4) 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.
- 5) Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we are developing an RFP for developers.
- 6) 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. We are working out the logistics of fee-for-charging for customers.
- 7) 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.
- 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 have organized a sub-committee to complete this inventory. The GHG Inventory training will run until Fall, 2021, when we hope to complete the inventory.
- 12) 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.
- 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/>