

Attendance: Marcy Denker, Steve Cea, Liz McGrory, Taylor Mandelbaum, Andy Stewart, Christina Leano, Tristan Schwartzman, Rachel Lovell

1. **Welcome to new members** Christina Leano, Tristan Schwartzman and Rachel Lovell.
2. **Energy and Buildings** *Subcommittee: Steve, Tristan, Marcy*

DPW Energy retrofits–Tristan provided an energy audit of DPW and a brief report. Marcy to arrange a meeting with staff to discuss next steps.

Benchmarking- Marcy has been entering utility data for DPW, Village Hall and Water Plan into EPA Portfolio Manager each year since 2018. Nyack can get additional credit in the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program for “Advanced Benchmarking” which requires publicly posting the reports (which need to be okayed by the Village Engineer) and sharing the data with NYSERDA. Can a member of the staff take this on? Marcy will train.

NYSERDA Energy Hubs Cornell Cooperative Extension has a contract with NYSERDA’s program establishing regional Energy Hubs. An Energy Advisor will soon be available to help communities work on clean energy building initiatives.

Concrete – Andy reported that the Village would like to use the [Rivertown Mix](#) low carbon concrete if possible in CDBG grant-funded sidewalk work coming up on Burd St. and other sidewalk projects (such as the Safe Routes to School project on Depew and Summit). It will be necessary to have the rfp call for proposals using both Rivertown Mix and conventional mix so the Village can compare the costs.

Resolution and Information for the Public – To help inform the Village leaders and the community about low carbon concrete, the committee recommends that the Village adopt a resolution and make information available on the Village website, as the Village of Hastings has done.

3. **Clean Energy Communities Program Update**

Marcy presented an overview/review of the NYSERDA CEC program. Nyack has added several new actions and has been awarded a \$10,000 grant, which will be applied to the purchase of an EV for the Building Dept.

4. **Transportation Subcommittee:** *Marcy, Steve* _____

EV purchase and grant: See previous

EV Stations Grant: Marcy and Steve are developing a grant proposal for DEC and NYSERDA grants for EV stations in the downtown municipal lot and in the upper part of the marina lot near the pump station.

EV Campaign option: The CEC program has two *action grants* left for an EV campaign. Committee members were asked to consider helping create a campaign to go along with fanfare around the above-mentioned projects.

Car-Free Day and National Drive Electric Week: September events that the committee can plan to participate in next year. (See examples in Ossining, Bedford, Chappaqua)

Positioning Nyack: expanding EV infrastructure could provide a marketing opportunity for Nyack as an easily-accessible (from the Thruway) setting to get a charge and enjoy the downtown.

5. Materials Management *Marcy–liaison to Rockland Composters*

[Rethink Food Waste NY](#) New program to help restaurants, colleges and other generators of food waste deal with this. Rockland Composters group will be reaching out to local restaurants to encourage participation.

Food Scrap Satellite: Nyack has the most participants in the Orangetown Food Scrap Drop off Program. Andy agreed that we should look into the possibility of having a satellite location at DPW.

6. Natural Resources *Marcy, Rachel*

Marcy and Rachel (with backgrounds in horticulture and ecological landscape design) will coordinate with other groups and initiatives whose work is landscape-related: Nyack Tree Committee, Pollinator Pathway, Beyond Leaf Blowers, Parks Commission and Parks Conservancy. Hoping to organize projects that complement and support each other. Given that it is now the season, we will try and launch a small campaign to remind residents to [love 'em and leave' em](#).

The Pollinator Pathway is sponsoring a planting day October 1 and needs volunteers.

7. Climate Action Plan

Grant contract We are still waiting for a contract with DEC but organizing is well underway. Hoping to be able to do that in October, assemble a steering committee by November, have a public launch in Feb and then follow-up workshops in later winter and spring.

Steering Committee and list of relevant stakeholders–Marcy will send a one pager to the committee so they can submit ideas for potential members of the steering committee.

8. Community Choice Aggregation

The CCA contract ended and the market is in some turmoil reflecting energy markets in general. It is prudent to wait until the market settles down to move on any other contracts.

9. Outreach

Webpage, Village newsletter and Nyack FB page should be used better and more for the purposes of this group. Education and outreach is important for all focus areas of the committee's work. Annmarie can do postings on the Village social media if the committee can provide an image and information.

10. Leaf Blower regulation

There is an active village stakeholder group working on helping to communicate the village's recently adopted seasonal prohibition on gas powered leaf blowers. This law will go into effect in 2023 and will require a communications campaign and outreach to landscapers.