



**PUTNAM VALLEY
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Town Hall, Putnam Valley NY 10579**

Commission for the Conservation of the Environment
Meeting minutes, January 19th, 2021

Present: Mia Azcue, Eileen Reily (Chair), Julie Ruben, Glenn Sapir, Michael Usai, Wendy Whetsel (PV Board Liaison), Elena Day (resident and potential new Commissioner)

The meeting began at 6:05 pm.

Elena Day, a PV resident and potential new CCE member, was introduced.

COMMUNITY SOLAR

—All NYSEG customers will be eligible to join or opt out

RECORDING of MINUTES

Eileen Reilly reported she has received no response from former Commissioner Anthony Proetta regarding his meeting notes and/or minutes

—no minutes have been posted on our webpage since September

—Julie Ruben will take minutes for this meeting, and thereafter the task will be rotated among CCE members

RECYCLING

Glenn Sapir summarized the presentation on recycling for Elena's benefit and a discussion of recycling issues ensued.

CLIMATE SMART

Mike Usai, liaison to the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) task force, reported on the progress.

—Putnam Valley already qualifies to become a Clean Energy Community (e.g. the Town's LED streetlights), which allows for funding

—CSC meets about every other month

—suggestion: the CSC have a web presence and advertise their goals and work

—suggestion: the CCE can host the CSC on our webpage

—Ralph Smith will be invited to present for 5-10 minutes at each subsequent CCE meeting

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Julie reported that DEC funding has been frozen but that paperwork can precede funding. She has a meeting set up with Nate Nardi-Cyrus for guidance.

LH PRISM

The CCE will become a LH PRISM partner.

BRUCE BARBER

—is redrafting the Town Ordinance on Solar sitings and will send it to the Town Board with the recommendation that it be forwarded to the CCE for review and comment

—is redrafting the Ordinance on Critical Scenic Vistas and Ridge Lines, utilizing NRI maps, and is requesting that the CCE offer recommendations within 2-3 months

—the CCE's work on this can be folded into the CEA parameters

NRI ADOPTION

We will propose that the NRI be adopted by the Town

ACTION ITEMS:

Wendy:

- send CCE the link to Ralph Smith's Climate Smart Committee website
- send letter from Sam Oliverio and HS Principal to Yorktown re: proposed solar farm

Mike:

- send out current Town ordinances for our review, and equivalent ordinances from other towns
- ask Bruce Barber to support the adoption of the NRI

Julie:

- ask Pat Grove about finding replacement Student Liaison
- reach out to Anthony about notes and minutes
- meet with Nate for OSI

NEXT MEETINGS:

CEA 2/8

CCE 2/16

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Ruben