

EMC Minutes July 9, 2019

Present: Dave Haldeman, Julie Craner, Patty Lee Parmalee (i.e. not a quorum); Lynn Barber from Climate Smart Committee

Wind and solar power batteries

Report by Julie from NYSERDA meeting:

Every town should craft a battery-storage law for wind and solar power. NYSERDA has a zoning law template and a model permit.

Note there are several kinds of battery; some give off hazardous fumes. Lithium-ion is the most efficient; it is stable but can explode with fire. Thus all systems should have A+ fire management systems on site. NYSERDA has a guidebook on that.

We are unsure what town agency would be in charge of monitoring the fire systems: code inspector? fire department?

Julie and Dave will attend the next town board meeting , where she will share the info learned.

Community Solar

Nexamp Community Solar has offered us an informational talk by a rep (Yushi Kawasumi) on how private homeowners can hook up; we need to find a non-municipal organization/location to sponsor the talk since the town as sponsor might appear to be favoring one private company.

Library? Lions? Church?

Dave will look into library possibility.

Rail Trail

Dave has brushhogged it and the Rod and Gun Club has removed downed trees. But we need \$8500 to regrade one mile.

Fundraising idea: Botanical tours of the rail trail in Spring. The Burroughs Natural History Society in New Paltz does it; we could contact them (at jbnhs.org).

VOW is considering building a boat dock and expanding a walkway along the river. Perhaps the two requests for support could be combined?

Other possible funding sources: Land Trust, Scenic Hudson, NYState Trail. And Dave will ask Bill DeVries if he would volunteer to do the rail trail grading.

Incidental pieces of information

Central Hudson is no longer accepting the town's hydropower generation into its grid.

The Highway Dept. is not responsible for parks and trails.

Larry Smith of Smith Brothers has volunteered to reset the footbridge in Galeville Park

Easements

This is the season for EMC members to visit the easements they are monitoring. Please turn in to Town Clerk by the

Next EMC meeting, which is September 10.