

EMC Minutes May 17, 2022

present: Hal Chorny, Julie Craner, Dave Haldeman (chair), Steve Landsman, Patty Lee Parmalee (scribe), JoAnne Warren

Meeting consisted mostly of announcements:

Tree planting:

Will be 9:30 am on May 28th.

Locations and personnel: Town Hall (Julie and Patty), Popp Park (Steve), Verkeerderkill Park (Dave).

Verkeerderkill will get two maples and two oaks.

Bring a pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow.

Rail trail grading:

Bud DeVries is too busy this year. Shamus Glenn thinks he can do it, between haying seasons.

Ulster Environmental Council:

Dave will send us their maps showing the environmental aspects of each property.

Green business program now operational in county.

Magruder Solar:

They want a NYSERDA grant, have requested a special Planning Board meeting. Upshot unclear.

Mako Homes:

has enough acreage to set up two conservation areas, protecting the northern harrier hawk. One would be managed by the town, one by the state DEC.

Charging Station: Steve will follow up

Town emergency plans: Melinda Herzog of Cornell Extension wants to meet with the Highway Dept. - and others - about climate disaster preparedness.

Dave will try to get the Cornell Extension report for us. The "Climate Resiliency Planning Tool" questionnaire the town filled out for them made clear the town has no emergency plans.

Brownfield at the end of town: Albany Post Road is on Ulster County Planning Dept. radar; they would clean it up if they get funding

Steve asks what to do about extensive oil spills from garbage collection trucks. Answer: DEC.

Statewide waste paint collection: locally at Sherman Williams in Newburgh.

Next meeting: July 12, 7 pm.