

Shawangunk EMC      Minutes      July 12, 2022

Present:

Julie Craner

Todd Craner

Andrew Gennaro, of Power Gen Electric, guest

Dave Haldeman, chair

Steve Landsman

Patty Lee Parmalee, scribe

JoAnne Warren

Electric vehicle charging station: Andrew Gennaro presents his estimate that the electric charging station planned for Town Hall will pay back its cost within two years.

The next step is to view potential contracts in order to choose which company gives the best deal. Steve is in charge.

The group moves outdoors to view the planned location at the corner of the building. Crossing the (accessible) sidewalk seems to be the only issue; consensus is to lift one square and dig underneath it.

Report by Dave on Ulster County:

The Catskills have been overwhelmed with tourists. Attempts at solutions have been shuttle buses, and new trails; trails are also connecting the tallest 4 peaks.

Emily Houser, on the County Environmental Council, writes that NYSERDA recommends funding EMC's for their environmental work and expenses.

Trees formerly planted by EMC: Dave says they seem to be doing well. He has been watering them in Wallkill, and someone is watering at Verkeerderkill Park.

Climate resiliency planning tool: Melinda Herzog will hold a zoom meeting with Dave and JoAnne on August 12 at 10 am.

JoAnne will keep the EMC informed about Partners for Climate Action.

Regrettably John Valk has been unable to attend EMC meetings recently. In order to maintain communication, Patty suggests we ask John if he could assign a Town Board liaison (Bob Miller?) to attend EMC meetings when he cannot.

The EMC's outreach to the public: In addition to regular meetings being open to the public, we should continue offering special educational programs. Invasive species is a good topic for the next one.

Next meeting: September 27, 7 pm.