

Conservation Advisory Committee meeting minutes

April 12, 2023

Present: Andy Shapiro, Kristen Schara, Ralph Dunham, Erin Nysten, Joan Paccione

We were joined by Peter Mc Knight who gave a very informative presentation on solar mapping which indicated available areas in Hurley that would be most accommodating to solar usage and new advances in technology. It was a very thorough presentation and we appreciate and thank Mr. McKnight for his effort to keep us informed.

Minutes were approved for the March meeting.

There was a discussion about forest maintenance and preservation. We have discussed this in the past and are concerned that our water purity and quantity will be threatened if there is overdevelopment and clearcutting. We will run it by the Task Force and the Comp Consultants.

Water update: The Ohayo Mountain issue is better with the rain but there is still the need for water there. We would like to see a monitoring system for well water levels and for runoff during storms. We will look for avenues of remediation and funding if possible. There has been no movement or news from West Hurley water system. There have been issues in West Hurley regarding flooding on Brittany Drive and drainage issues on Woodland Drive near Pleasant Ridge Drive.

Composting is still something the Town is looking into. We did not have the staff to utilize the RRA program but there may be alternatives. This will save the Town money and give the Hurley citizens an opportunity to have compost. It will need an education campaign for residents to participate and will remain to be seen as to what program Hurley adopts.

Congratulations to the Climate Smart Committee who has achieved Bronze Status. They are continuing to attain points in an attempt to apply for funding. They are looking at more clean energy programs and tracking current energy usage for the Town.

EMC - The County has a municipal tool kit for towns to look at for climate adaptation. It includes climate vulnerability with maps for towns to utilize in planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Paccione