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Guest Laura Perkins

January minutes approved

Laura P.

Community gardens, Laura wants to apply for grant to build program in schools for Horticulture cited: Woodside Nursery, Regeneration Farm, other schools. She wrote the "practice grant" for \$20,000. to create a Tree nursery at Regeneron Farm.

<https://practicelandscape.com/grant>

Climate Action Planning Institute CAPI Westchester County got \$ from DEC and we are one of 9 communities to mitigate greenhouse gas etc. Inventory city usage and energy consumption. Find solutions and mitigation. Jamie is our sustainability coordinator, Peter Irwin from City of Peekskill and ICLIE. Kathy Talbot is liaison, Courtney, Kay, and Elaine are local members.

They will look into topics like wastewater, Wheelabrator Corp., and greening city buildings.

Kathy T. reports police Department Building and Paramount Center getting new heating systems to get rid of old oil boilers. Not clear how green these will be but probably gas.

Film series proposed for Wednesday, March 29th 2023 screening "Gather" on Netflix about Indigenous People and sustainable actions and environmental leadership. Jan and Marie are putting together a panel.

Stretch Codes: Continue to investigate, maybe suggest it be part of Comprehensive Plan going forward.

Elaine spoke to Chris Gross who is finally pursuing implementing Food Scrapping via DPW. We hope it will start this Spring/Summer.

Marie: Indian Point decommissioning - planning to dump waste in Hudson River. Working on Resolution to protest this action. Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board Meeting, Feb. 16 will be meeting about this topic about monitoring and nuclear pollution.

NRI - almost a year to produce the report and it is finally done and the website is up. www.Pee skillnri.com. We hope to get a few printed copies and maybe some maps.

Public awareness to speak to community audiences like Schools, Rotary, BID, Chamber. We need to get the Council to adopt it. We will work on a public presentation for everyone to use.

March meeting: Milly McGraw from Planting Westchester will be there. Jamie to give us an update Climate Smart Communities.

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