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Town of Pompey Environmental Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2023
Pompey Town Hall
7:00 PM

Attendees: Kathy Bertuch, Phil George, Stan Gorman, John Herrington, Pam O'Malley, Martha Viglietta

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

UPDATES: Phil informed us that NYS SEQR training is available online, both live and archived. ECC members are not involved in SEQR's, but the process may be of interest to individual members.

Reminder to all of our new meeting time: First Thursday of the month at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of NYSERDA Clean Energy Community grant availability. We are eligible for a \$5K grant thanks to getting 5 residents to add energy efficiency to their homes during our Heat Smart Campaign. John Shaheen of the Planning Board is working with the Regional Planning and Development Board in discussions on which projects to devote the money to. Ideas include an energy audit (may not be the best use of limited funds); energy-efficient windows in the Highway barn; energy efficient entryway doors in the Town Hall; charging stations for EV's (where best to install?) Martha volunteered to be liaison to the Town Board and Planning Board regarding this process.
- The Town is discussing whether to have regulations on short-term rentals in the town. No action at this time.
- There is a new solar farm proposal on Frank Long Rd, by a company called Seaboard. Materials are with the Planning Board and haven't come to ECC yet.
- Pompey can earn points toward more grants for energy projects (see above) by enrolling in the new Green Purchasing Community initiative. The Town would commit to making changes in purchasing habits toward more green options where feasible, by using the initiative's purchasing specs. Renee will attend the webinar about this process and continue to consider it.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

* Snowman contest: Will get updates from Adam Scalisi. Should get flyer out soon to be ready for the February contest.

* Discussion of whether to establish a town fund for buying supplies or making prizes for projects like the Snowman contest or tree giveaway. General opinion was that a fund would be

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more complicated and less flexible than our current approach of basically passing the hat within the committee.

* Planning for Earth Day. Martha reported that Manlius will have theirs on 4/15, so we will have Pompey Earth Day on actual Earth Day: Saturday, April 22. Phil will order 500 trees. Phil and Stan discussed splitting the cost between themselves. Martha offered to purchase pollinator seed packets and will consult with Adam who had previously indicated he had a source for those. Martha will get flyer prepared, including adding a section that invites residents to email pictures of trees that have survived from previous giveaways, and we'll post them on our FB page. John will contact Peter Wilder, science teacher at F-P, to discuss getting science students involved with our Earthday events somehow.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 2.

Submitted by
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