

MINUTES

PHILMONT CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

March 10, 2022

- Attendees: Tom Paino, Debra Gitterman, Arthur King, Sarah Barton-King, Andrew Personette, Walter and Tomoko Gurbo.
- Updates:
 - a. Lightbulb Program.
 - i. It's a go. We have the funding for it!
 - ii. The program: You bring in your incandescent bulbs and we'll trade it out for an LED bulb.
 - iii. The flier should make it clear that LED lights will reduce energy bills and that the program is for both Renters and Homeowners. Renters, in particular, need the financial support so we want to be sure to target them.
 - iv. We'll do a soft launch on April 1 and a full roll-out at a special event (TBD) for Earth Day—April 22.
 - v. Debra will follow up with Larry Ostrander about possible suppliers of bulbs.
 - vi. Debra will ask Trish the process for paying lightbulb-vendor invoice.
 - b. Local Champion Grant
 - i. The application process for 2022 is open.
 - ii. This grant is meant to shepherd Climate Smart Task Forces to Bronze status while providing technical assistance, creating inter-municipality Climate Smart community ties, and providing information on additional grant funding sources.
 - iii. Debra will send an email asking for people interested in the job (10 hours a week, \$8k stipend) and anyone who would like to attend the 1 hour presentation
 - c. Claverack Town Hall and Square.
 - i. Climate Smart Group, John Bradley is looking for someone from Philmont to work with him to drum up support from the Philmont Board to sign a letter advocating for energy efficiency in the new town hall, including possibilities of using micro-hydro to fund it.
 - ii. Possible additional persuasive points: Civic Pride (a building that reflects our character and values); and Philmont's experience of being able to attract funding by developing energy efficient projects.
 - iii. Andrew Personette volunteered to be John Bradley's point person.
- Next Meeting set for Thursday, February 10, 5:30pm (2nd Thursdays)