

Town of Caroline

Energy Independent Caroline

Meeting Minutes

DATE: 19 June 2019

ATTENDANCE: Don Barber, Karim Beers (GYGB), Ed Wurtz, Mark Witmer, John Reed, Terry Carroll (CCE), Emily Adams (candidate for project coordinator).

Don talked about his Pellet Boiler, Ehrhart delivers pellets in bulk, 1 load lasts a year. Karim said that Pellet inserts for fireplaces are available with a \$1500 incentive from NYSERDA (up to \$2500 for LMI families). Two vendors in Tompkins county are on the program (Erhart, and StoveWorks)

Karim discussed the PowerHouse demo, a trailer that he is raising funds for, which would be outfitted with several energy efficient demonstrations that we currently have on separate boards. There would be solar power, an AirSource HeatPump, AS DHW, and several insulation demos etc. It would be on wheels, and towed to events.

John is an Energy Navigator, and went to the last EN meeting at CCE, and presented the Brighten Up program to the three Navigators that Karim identified as serving Caroline. This year's EN class graduates this month. One was Emily, and she attended this EN meeting to learn more about the coordinator position.

Brighten Up Campaign, we have submitted the job application to the Town Listserve. We received two inquiries. One person has put their name forward, Emily Adams.

Cornell has a "structured Day of Service" where their student's do something out in the community. We want to leverage this program to potentially get hundreds of volunteers to distribute our bulbs. IC also does volunteer days. Eco-House is the Ithaca College green Party, who can recruit for "Green" projects like this.

We discussed where to store a large number of light bulbs, perhaps the Slaterville Springs old fire house that is no longer in use? The Brooktondale Community Center is well utilized, and cannot be used.

We talked about stretching the project from a single season, into two seasons. We could do a small step, and then refine and complete in a separate event, so we were not constrained by the Cornell Volunteer dates. This would also allow more time for generating interest in the community.

The committee will review Emily's application and respond by email to the Chair as to their vote on engaging her for Brighten-up contractual services.

EIC Officers for 2019-2020 were elected. Don Barber will be the new chair, and John Reed the Secretary.

Ed Wurtz said he would research the EIC list Server, and John Reed said we would create a Google Drive.

Submitted by: John Reed