

## **Ballston Green Community Committee**

### **05/30/2023 Session Agenda**

#### **Attendees**

- Silver Gudbrandsen
- Jon Mesh
- Kelly Jasinski

#### **1) Follow-Up Items**

- a) Silver to send a technical description of requested email to Kelly for Full Scope Request
  - i) Sent, Kelly following up with IT
    - (1) Will need a follow-up discussion if we need to use a different tactic for email setup
- b) Each member to watch Heat Pump Presentation
  - i) Still need to do and come up with notes
- c) Review Hazardous Waste PickUp Grant - Kelly will research more into municipalities that may have done this already.
  - i) Still in progress
  - ii) Was able to contact Clifton Park
    - (1) Through the DEC every other year
    - (2) Between \$30k and \$35k each time
    - (3) Offer it for free to residents
    - (4) Residents needed to preregister if not a resident and then pay
  - iii) Kelly will follow up with DEC
- d) Kelly to look into Climate Smart Community's Pledge
  - i) <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>
    - (1) Under Complete Action

#### **2) Discuss Invasive Species Management**

- a) Guest Speaker
  - i) Kris Williams from Prism, Capital Region Invasive Species Management
  - ii) Pretty sure he would do that
    - (1) Knows current common invasive species in our area and when to find them
    - (2) Invasive species to start anticipating that are coming our way
    - (3) What to do about invasive species
  - iii) Jon reaching out to Kris Williams to see what educational offerings are available for municipalities
- b) Newsletter
  - i) We will get together to get this started!
  - ii) Kelly and Silver meeting to get a POC
- c) Social Media Blasts
  - i) Will send out the newsletter that explains what invasive species and why you should care

- ii) Then will send out individual invasive species in the area and how to address them as they are relevant based on season
- d) Volunteer Event
  - i) Not ready for this, but need to figure it out
- 3) Committee Build-Up and Flex Volunteers**
  - a) Attracting New Active Members
    - i) Will want to have about two more members
    - ii) flyers
  - b) Options for Flex Volunteers
    - i) What is allowed from the town?
      - (1) They would be considered meeting participants, not members
      - (2) This would alleviate the need for a commitment and the pledge
  - c) How to Attract Flex Volunteers?
    - i) Will discuss during newsletter meet
    - ii) Create a flyer to advertise
- 4) Hazardous Waste PickUp - to discuss in next actual meeting**
  - a) Deadline for Grant
  - b) Requirements for NYS Grant
  - c) Getting Started
  - d) Things to Keep in Mind
- 5) Next Meeting Agenda - June 20th Thursday at 7pm at Town Hall**
  - a) Invasive Species Management
  - b) Committee Build-Up and Flex Volunteers
  - c) Hazardous Waste PickUp
- 6) Homework**
  - a) Kelly following up with IT for setting up GCC email group
  - b) Each member to watch Heat Pump Presentation
  - c) Kelly reaching out to DEC for hazardous waste pickup grant
  - d) All review action items
    - i) <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>
      - (1) Under Complete Action
  - e) Jon reaching out to Kris Williams to see what educational offerings are available for municipalities
  - f) Silver and Kelly to start on Invasive Species Newsletter
- 7) Future Meetings**
  - a) Grant Research - Hazardous waste pick up
  - b) Membership
  - c) Social Media
  - d) Tshirt Design
  - e) House Tours
  - f) Community Vendor Fair
    - i) Food truck
  - g) Topics for the year coming in Education.
    - i) Landis Arboretum or someone with soil health knowledge.

ii) CCE as a knowledge base.

*Submitted by Silver Gudbrandsen*