

Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023

Mary Ellen Hennessy-Jones called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk. This notice was made available to members of the general public.”

The following members acknowledged their presence:

Pamela Hogan, Resident/Regular Member
Mary Ellen Hennessy-Jones, Resident/Regular Member
Lisa Jordan, Resident/Regular Member
Angelique Devost, Resident/Regular Member
Deanna Schmidt, Resident/Regular Member
Peter Fried, Resident/Regular Member

Guests:

Rachael West, Drew University Student
Emily Marette, Drew University Student
Anthi Panayides, Drew University Student

Absent:

Kathleen Caccavale, Chairperson/Regular Member
Grace Kim, BOE liaison
Rachel Ehrlich, Borough Council Liaison/Regular Member

March minutes were approved.

No reports were submitted for this month.

Upcoming Events: The EV Expo is April 19 at Sunday Motorway Cafe, 1-5pm. On Thursday, April 20th, the Home Energy Forum is at the Madison Community Arts Center, 7pm. On Saturday, April 29th, the Madison Green and Clean Day will be 9-2.

The Sustainable Jersey - Sustainability Summit will be May 5th.

The Town Wide Yard Sale will be April 29th, 9-2, \$10 donation to Great Swamp Watershed Association.

Rolling Action Item: Peter will correspond with Grace Kim and Steve Tindell, calling for a meeting to discuss solar panel possibilities with school representatives. He will report back to this meeting on the results.

Pam Hogan gave an update on the PSE&G grant applications. The review of grants has been delayed. They have been more competitive than expected. The delay means pushing back the timeline.

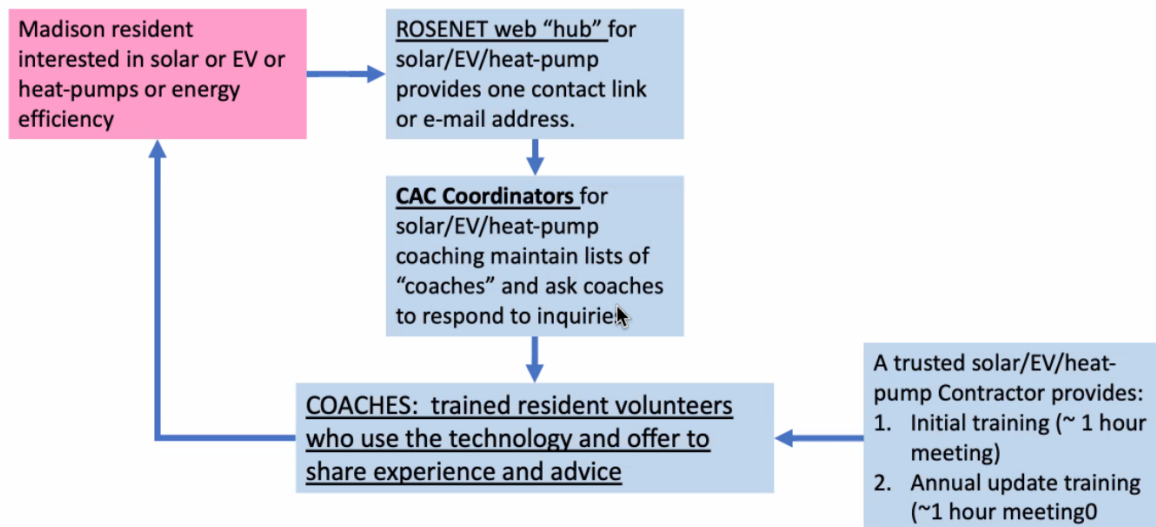
\$20K for Green Infrastructure; \$2K for Bicycle Racks.

Mary Ellen Hennesy-Jones led us in a status update on Sustainable Jersey actions.

The next submission date is **May 12th**, with the final submission on **July 27th**.

Peter shared the idea of “Coaching,” which the Climate Action Committee might adopt. The idea is to have volunteers to help guide people who are interested in converting gas to electricity in their homes, installing heat pumps, purchasing an EV, etc.

CAC Coaching Concept



Monday is the Taste of Madison - Angelique is working on “greening” the program. Java’s Compost will be there, and food waste will be collected at two stations. There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to monitor food waste (30 minutes slots). There is a bring your own initiative - people who bring their own utensils can enter to win a prize basket.

Lisa provided an update on the digital Madison Environmental Resource Inventory.

We agreed to further discuss connections between climate action metrics and the Madison ERI.

Rolling action items are as follows:

Action Item: Peter Fried would like information on upcoming events in order to share information to the *Madison Eagle*. Jersey Green column volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis.

The next SMAC meeting will be on Tuesday, [May 16](#) at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Jordan.