



## **Minutes of the January 5, 2022 Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Jason Mayer, Mark Varian, Rick Irizarry, Franco Carucci, Kim Mayer, Tara Hoey, Holly Shader and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

**Task Force Members Excused:** Steve Mazzuca and Rebecca Carucci

**Guests in Attendance:** David Dukler, Town Council Member.

**Current Events:** Jason opened the meeting. The minutes of the December 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Guest Presentation**

Jason introduced Dave Dukler, who updated the Committee on efforts to establish a Community Preservation Fund (CPF). Dave indicated he wanted someone from Climate Smart to join the Committee that will draft the CCP. The Committee's job is to acquaint Committee members with the other relevant plans and establish the applicable values that will decide which properties we want to protect. Dave indicated he is going to the Town Board next week to get a resolution together to establish such a committee.

### **New Business**

Jason updated the Committee on the following past events:

- **Solar Mapping.** Steve said that he and Carol Richman had attended the solar mapping sessions. Steve felt that the overlying mapping, while needed for

planning made the selection of a possible site nearly impossible. Jason will reach out to Carol and see what she felt.

- **Ulster County CSC Update.** The big item was the net tax, which is now in effect. The added tax is based on the size of the solar array and added to your utility bill. The PSC is concerned that this will disincentivize potential customers. The County CSC is looking for activism on the issue.

### **Recurring Business**

**NRI.** Jason said he received an email from Roberta Clements of the ECC, who provided a template for the NRI law from the City of Poughkeepsie. Roberta is very motivated to push this into a local law. Franco mentioned that this came up in the Town Board the other night and that the Board appears in favor. Jean McGrane also pushed for tougher language in the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Franco believes the next step is to meet with the Zoning Board.

**Use of the CDC Grant:** Jason asked the Committee to decide what options we should pursue when we receive the \$5K grant for having completed the High Impact Items. Jason stated that approximately half of the grant has to be earmarked against the outstanding bills for the EV station and monetary cushion for first year of EV use. Jason then asked the Committee to address the options. Tara mentioned that it would cost \$21K to insulate the ceiling of the Pole Barn. A cheaper option would involve spray insulation, but it is aesthetically unsightly. Tara also reported that a heat pump for the facility is very expensive. Kim reported on the details of having a firm do building audits. The Committee would pay to have ten businesses done and then the Town's facilities would be done for free. The remaining option was to use the grant to continue the current EV station charging process. The Committee unanimously voted to pursue the building audit option. Jason then asked Kim and Franco to check with the Town lawyers to ascertain if payment of a private business's audit using the grant was legal. If so, Steve W. would submit the 4<sup>th</sup> High Impact Item that will generate the award of the grant.

**Community Solar Array.** Rick reported that he is ready to go with the RFP. Franco will be the Town Board representative. Jason mentioned that he received a rubric from Kat that will allow us to judge the RFP's. Next step is to present the RFP to the Town Board for their input. Tara expressed concern regarding the siting of the array and whether it would be placed on land designated as Parks and Recreation. Franco replied that the RFP's response has to address minimizing such an impact and that the array must be fenced in. Franco mentioned that we will arrange a Zoom meeting for Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LED Redesign.** Kim reported that Marybeth reviewed the Central Hudson proposal and signed it. The PSC now has ninety days to review it. There are two outstanding issues with lamps on Steve’s Lane that Franco said he would follow up on. The Town now has to work on a lighting policy. Franco asked Kim to send over her plan, along with the NYPA specifications.

**EV Charging Station.** Jason reported that the Town Board approved a fee of \$1/hour after the first two hours. Jason felt that \$1.5K to \$2K would cover our shortfall and he expected the \$5K grant from the CEC would be sufficient to cover our expenses.



**Danskammer:** There was nothing new to report on this.

**CCA –** There was no update on this.

**Bronze Certification Sign.** Jason said that the likely site for the sign was in the lobby of the Town Hall and the EV Charging Station.

**ICLEI and Community GHG Study –** Mark presented a PowerPoint presentation. He mentioned that Steve W. and him attended the ICLEI presentation with 14 other cities, towns and villages. For the study, we received extensive data from Central Hudson and the Ulster County Transportation Council. Now, we have to do projections up through 2030 based on “business as usual”.

### **Closing Notes and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The **next meeting** will be February 2nd at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Stephen Weir