



Minutes of the May 4th, 2022, Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Mark Varian, Steve Mazzuca, Franco Carucci, Rebecca Carucci, Kim Mayer, Tara Hoey, Holly Shader and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

Task Force Members Excused: Rick Irizarry

Opening Remarks

Jason opened the meeting. The minutes of the April 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.

New Business

Climate Smart Grants. Jason indicated that there is a new round of such grants and Marybeth showed great interest in pursuing a few of the listed areas. The deadline for submission is July 29th. Steve M. and Kim said they would look at the Vulnerability area; Rebecca to pursue Zero Food Waste.

Recurring Business

UCC. Kim reported that that Plattekill held an Earth Day Event and that fifty-five people signed up indicating an interest in forming a CSC group. Kim urged CSG to find ways to support their effort. Kim indicated that in August, UCC is planning to have a summit meeting. For the Ulster County Fair, UCAT will provide public transportation.

Arbor Day – Kim mentioned that Arbor Day will be held on May 21st and that a planning will be done at Town Hall. She is working with Dig Safe. Kim expressed interest in whether we could have a vendor selling merchandise at the event and

Franco will check. There will be a poetry contest with the winner being mentioned in the Gardiner Gazette. The Tree Huggers will provide music.

Trees for Tribs. Tara reported that the event will take place on May 21st. Beyond the



planting of new trees, the participants will spend time straightening out the ones already planted. Tara says that brush cutting needs to be done by the Highway Dept. 28 people are signed up for the event.

CCA – Franco reported that the Town has held three public outreach meetings. There was low attendance but several good questions. The questions centered around third party ESCO's. Franco believes that the bidding process should end by late May or early June and by August, we might have a bid to analyze. We are hoping to join three other municipalities and get on board by September.

Riverkeeper Sweep. Rebecca mentioned that the event will be held on May 7th, and



we have sixty people signed up. The event will clean sites in Gardiner and one in Walkill. The Gardiner sites are the Transfer Station, Majestic Park, Farmer's Turnpike and Tuthilltown. We may be getting assistance from a Girl Scout troop. Rebecca has secured T shirts and beer vouchers from the Hoot Owl.

LED. Kim reported that she is writing Central Hudson about updates.

Community Solar Array. Currently, the project is on hold.

Danskammer: Rebecca has not been able to find out any updates as to the status of Danskammer's efforts. She believes the next hearing will be next year.

ICLEI and Community GHG Study – Mark received comments about the study from Steve M. and is working on the presentation to the Town Board and the final report.

Silver Certification. Steve W. has visited the portal and updated the tracking sheet on where CSG stands vis a vis Silver Certification. He indicated that there are portal items that seem underway, however, we have not placed them in planned status and set a member to be responsible for them. He will send a listing of the portal items and PDFs on "low hanging fruit" that members might wish to manage. These will be sent in a separate email at the time he publishes Steve W. mentioned that there are existing

projects that require revisions on a periodic basis in order to maintain the points in that area.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

Use of Surplus Money – Franco mentioned that there is surplus money in the Town's budget and asked for ideas. The Committee voiced the need for a Town Grant Writer. There were also suggestions to finalize the Pole Barn and supply Majestic Park with filtered water.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10. The next meeting will be held on June 1st @ 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Stephen Weir