



Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Rick Irizarry, Franco Carucci, Misha Fredericks, Tara Hoey, Suger Rowinski, Rebecca Carucci, Mark Varian and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

Task Force Members Excused Holly Shader and Aimee Spring-Cecil

Guests in Attendance: Michael Albright, Toni Benevento, Ralph Varamo and Ilka Casey.

Opening: Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason covered the following news events:

- The NRI met on Feb. 2nd on Zoom. Jason re-introduced that we can obtain two additional points if the NRI is adopted by the Town Board. Franco asked if this can be done by resolution. Update: The requirement in PE6 is adoption by local law.
- We are registered on the CEC and have uploaded two items to date. Jason is appealing the denial of the training for Code Enforcement. Jason indicated that CSG would be eligible for grants if we can get four High Impact Items to be accepted. He believes that we might get credit for the Unified Solar Permit but the statute needs updating.
- New Paltz held its *Warm Up to Winter* virtual event on Jan 14th from 6:00 to 7:30. Mark was a leading spokesman. He reported that a brunch of vendors presented and that 84 participants tuned in.
- The Stop Danskammer film was shown on Jan 19th and Franco said it was an excellent film.

- CSG donated \$350 to the Repair Café in honor of John Wackman.

New Business

Parks and Recreation and Community Solar Array. Michael Albright from the Parks and Recreation Commission had questions about the Community Solar Array planning since P and R have been attempting since 2018 to finalize its plans for the landfill area and win approval from the Town Board. Mike wanted to know the size of the project we envisioned, the land it would cover and the known wattage. Misha and Rick indicated that they have been working with three developers and the developers indicated that for the field to be profitable to them and the Town, we would have to have at least 35 to 40 acres and generate some 5 megawatts. The Town would realize income of between \$12 to \$15K per mw annually less expenses.

There would also need to be some upgrades made to electrical infrastructure, especially in the lines going to the landfill.

Michael was concerned that two of the most accessible areas that would not be used for the bike trails are also very shady. Jason continues to be concerned about CSG complying with the town's local law on solar arrays. Both Michael and Jason agreed that they should schedule a walk through of the park to agree on what part of the landfill could be used without interfering with the P and R plans. CSG will explore doing a RFI to get developers to produce a plan on what they envision for the area. We will also explore the possibility of getting grants for a solar charging stations and street lamps for the landfill parking area.

Recurring Business

LED Audit. Kim briefed the Committee regarding the status of the project. Chief items of interest:

- The audit findings were sent to Franco and Marybeth for forwarding to Central Hudson. We are seeking rebates on the inoperative lamps and replacement of these 17 inoperative lamps with LED bulbs installed to our specifications.
- Kim is researching proposals from Central Hudson and NYPA regarding owning rather than leasing of the lampposts.
- Kim is planning on a briefing to the Town Board in March to update them on our status.
- The project was uploaded to the CSC High Impact Items and to the DEC portal.

CCA. Franco continues to work with Jeff of Joule. They arranged to have a Town wide public awareness meeting on Feb. 20th @ 2 p.m.



Thereafter, Jeff will arrange for additional dates. Jeff has reached out to various members regarding further publicity. Jason is contacting the Library about advertising the CCA effort on their newsletter. He is also putting out information on the CSG FB site. Steve sent out a notice on the Gardiner Senior Resource Committee FB page and on his Senior Google Group newsletter.

ICLEI. CSG's membership started in January. Franco is working on getting the invoice for proof of membership. Mark and Steve attended a meeting with ICLEI on the Clear Path Tool and Mark will spreadhead the Community GHG Inventory project.

Portal: Steve has completed the Fleet Inventory update for 2020 and only needs to secure diesel and gasoline fuel prices in order to ready it for presentation to the Town Board. He continues to post monthly fuel usage by vehicle as reported by the Highway Dept.

Currently, CSG has around 120 points completed, and we could pick 18 points for CCA and 2 points for adopting the NRI inventory as a local law.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. The **next meeting** will be March 3rd at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Stephen Weir