



Minutes of the April 1, 2020 Meeting (held via Microsoft Teams) Gardiner Town Hall

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Holly Shader, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Suger Rowinski, Mark Varian and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

Task Force Members Excused. Aimee Spring-Cecil and Rick Irizari.

Guests In Attendance: Mariam Varian.

Opening: Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.


- **Orientation to Teleconferencing.** Franco covered the reason we are using Microsoft Teams, which is largely that Zoom has had several instances of trolling. Zoom is also limited to 40 minutes.
- **CCA.** Mark attended the webinar on March 30th. Albany and the Capital District presented data. They expect to go on line by September with 13 municipalities participating. They have selected an administrator and wish to obtain power thru wind and solar sourcing.
- **Natural Resources Inventory.** Although other municipalities have paid consultants or obtained grants, Gardiner is doing the work through volunteers. The Open Space Commission has done some 20 to 25 maps. Under PE6, CSG could earn up to 10 points if an inventory is done, meets standards and is adopted by a local law. The requirements are copied in an addendum to these minutes.
- **CCA Public Hearing.** Jason thanked all those involved in the successful adoption of the Local Law. Note: We need to secure a copy of the Local Law adoption or the minutes of the Town Board, which is not yet on-line. The Task Forces agreed that we should proceed forward with selecting an administrator. Mark



has the questions used in the selection process used by New Paltz.

- **Green Expo.** Unfortunately, was cancelled and will be held later in the year.
- **Plant Based Diets** – Rebecca made a presentation on March 7th at the Library. She advocated switching to a plant-based diet for health and to reduce global GHG emissions. Steve suggested that these presentations might earn us points under Innovative Actions. Note: A review of the requirements makes the earning of points unlikely.

Recurring Business:

1. **EV Charging Station.** Jason reported that the charger has been delivered to Town Hall and he is following up with Marybeth about the grant money distribution and payments for electricity and hookup fees. Franco will also follow up.
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2. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Steve updated the committee on the portal progress. He updated the fleet inventory and fuel figures and will post these to the portal. He also posted all the Geothermal and all the Shawangunk interaction information. He has updated the tracking sheet which will be sent out with these minutes. Mark indicated that the Climate Action Plan is to be reviewed by the Town Board on April 14th.
 3. **Climate Smart Youth Taskforce.** No updates at this time.
 4. **CSC Outreach to Interested Municipalities.** Kim has scrapped this for now due to the pandemic. The Ulster County Fair is likely to be delayed.
 5. **Riversweep.** The annual cleaning of garbage from the Wallkill River is scheduled for May 2nd but will likely be delayed.
 6. **LED:** We need to figure out next steps as we have difficulty with Central Hudson. Dark Skies Jim Brigagliano, a Gardiner resident and a lighting consultant might be helpful on this initiative.
 7. **Trees for Tribs.** Rebecca is trying to get boulders to protect the trees already planted. Franco going to talk with Brian Statisa.
 8. **Bronze Certification.** Mark reviewed two areas that New Paltz ran into problems with their submission. Their Community GHG inventory, which was done by a consultant, did not meet DEC standards and was not accepted. DEC also penalized them for not having an elected official on their CSC task force committee.
 9. **Solar Array.** No update on this but Franco is concerned about NYS Home Rule.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The **next meeting** will be May 6th at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe!



Submitted by Stephen Weir

Addendum:

PE 6 Requirements for Natural Resources Inventory:

Local governments can earn eight points for this action by completing an NRI that covers the entire community. The inventory process and report content must be substantially consistent with those described by the DEC publication, [Creating a Natural Resources Inventory: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed](#). An additional two points may be earned for adoption of the NRI through a local law, substantially similar to the model local law in [Appendix G](#) of the guide.

	POSSIBLE POINTS
Create a natural resources inventory for the entire community	8
Adopt the natural resources inventory through a local law	2

F. What to submit

Submit a copy of a natural resources inventory (NRI) report completed within the last 10 years that covers the entire community and meets the minimum requirements described above. In addition, provide a description of the process followed for the development of the NRI, if the process is not described in the report. For full points, also submit a clerk-certified copy of the local law adopting the inventory, if applicable.

All CSC action documentation is available for public viewing after an action is approved. Action submittals should not include any information or documents that are not intended to be viewed by the public.