CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- October, 2020

1) We are working to install signage for sponsors and parking for the EV Charging Station.
2) Congratulations to Kim Mayer, CSG Member, who was recently appointed as a voting member to the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee.
3) Andrea Frank, Gardiner resident and SUNY New Paltz professor, will lead a virtual climate action workshop for the public through the Gardiner Library on 10/19.  During this interactive presentation, participants will learn effective ways to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.
4) The annual Wallkill Riverkeeper Sweep is scheduled for 10/17.  Local volunteers will clean the Wallkill River by water and land, recycling some of the garbage we find.
5) We are hoping to create a community inventory of Gardiner's GHG emissions.
6) We recommended Joule as Gardiner's CCA administrator to the Town Board, this recommendation was accepted, and are working with Joule on the next steps in the CCA process.
7) We joined the Stop Danskammer Coalition.
8) We will consider the appointment of several new members to CSG at our next meeting.
9) We continue to promote the Green Group Purchase Program, designed by Sustainable Hudson Valley.  The Program works to obtain group discounted rates on energy efficient heating and cooling systems, such as heat pumps, for the public.
10) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.
11) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.
12) We are collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.
13) We created annual reports process for the public and Town Board on CSG's activities for 2018 and 2019.  These are posted on the Town of Gardiner website.  We will create a revised annual summary format for 2020, according to Climate Smart Communities criteria.
14) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribs and Go Green Expo, are postponed; we are having our monthly CSG Taskforce meetings via teleconference for the time being.  Our monthly meetings use the Microsoft Teams platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/
15) We are considering implementing a solar array at the landfill, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.