

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- November, 2021

- 1) We submitted a letter of support for the Town of Gardiner's NYS River Greenway Planning Grant, in preparation for a local Community Preservation Plan. This project will help preserve and protect our environment. Jean McGrane will present on the Community Preservation Fund to the CSG Taskforce at our November meeting.
- 2) The Code Enforcement Officer completed the NYSERDA Energy Code Enforcement Training, so we have achieved 4 High Impact Actions in the Clean Energy Communities Program, making a \$5000 grant available to us for green projects. We will decide what green projects to pursue and then submit for these grant funds.
- 3) Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we presented a plan to the Town Board for review and we are developing an RFP for developers.
- 4) We are analyzing the usage and cost data from the EV Charger so we can determine how much to charge customers after the 2 years of free electricity is over on June 1, 2022.
- 5) Two Gardiner residents are participating in the "Mid-Hudson Regional Solar Mapping Project." Through this training, offered through The Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition Energy Working Group, we will assess Gardiner land for solar array suitability, given electrical, agricultural, and environmental considerations.
- 6) We are working to update Gardiner's GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
- 7) We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
- 8) We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project. Due to advocacy on many fronts, Danskammer's application for expansion was recently denied by the DEC, as it did not meet required NYS GHG emissions limits, which is great news!
- 9) We have joined ICLEI, a network of governments focused on sustainability; they are providing us tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory. We have organized a sub-committee to complete this inventory. The GHG Inventory training will run until Fall, 2021, when we hope to complete the inventory.
- 10) We are now waiting on other municipalities to join our Joule CCA bloc and monitoring CCA pricing, so we can offer the best green deal to residents. We hope to include a community solar opt-out option to our CCA program, where Gardiner residents would be able to take advantage of 10% off their electric bill through community solar, in addition to savings from our CCA project.
- 11) Our monthly meetings use the ZOOM platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>