



Minutes of the November 2, 2022, Meeting Held on Zoom at 7 p.m.

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

Task Force Members Excused: Suger Rowinski and Rebecca Carucci.

Guests: David Church and Gillian Matthews, Cornwell Cooperative Extension.

Opening Remarks

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

New Business

Introduction of David Church. Jason introduced David Church. David was the contractor who developed the Town's update Comprehensive Plan and has now been re-hired to update the Town's codes to comply with the Plan. David is currently looking at the Sustainability section of the CPF and also how to codify the NRI into a local law. He reviewed several areas to determine CSG interest. The Committee indicated that the ethics code was not a high priority, but we are concerned about updating the Solar Permit codes. Franco indicated that Carol Richman is working on this. Mark brought up the need for coding on how to properly dispose of batteries. David indicated that NYSERDA has information on this.

David pointed out that the Comp Plan requires the establishment of a committee to monitor climate progress; Franco noted that this would be a new town committee and David further noted that procedures for this group would have to be developed.

Introduction of Gillian Matthews. Jason introduced Ms. Matthews from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Gillian is working on a county wide Climate Resilience Partnership and noted that actions this partnership would take will earn points for CSC certification. Several of the areas she mentioned have already been completed by CSG, however, for recertification and upgrade of our Bronze status, actions have to be continued. Of interest to us are flood mapping and riparian buffering as part of our intention to re-write the Town's emergency actions plan. Of particular interest is the development of cooling/warming centers in the event of blackouts, evacuations, etc.

For next steps, Gillian indicated that a meeting with Town officials and members of environmental groups to identify resources and possible hazards needs to be held. She also needs to work with the web manager in order to post articles of public interest.

Steve W. indicated that he met with Gillian at the Ulster County Roundtable, and she is a valuable asset. Jason asked Gillian to draft a letter of support that Franco would submit to the Town Board for approval.

Recurring Business

LED. Kim said that Marybeth has to certify the Central Hudson has the needed paperwork and is processing. Franco related that unallocated town funds could be used to pay for the initial expenditures until expected revenues for reduced electric bills are realized.

County CSC. Kim noted that the group discussed certain goals in order to reach the 80% reduction in GHG by 2050. The group believes that interim goals should be set for 2035. Jason stated that any ideas should be sent to Kim.

CEC Grant. Jason announced that we received the \$5K grant and that \$1,200 is allocated to pay off current expenses of the EV charging station. The other money will be held as a buffer against other EV expenditures.

Cooling Centers. Tara submitted the application for an intern, which we possibly will get in the Spring.

CCA. Franco reported that he received an email from Jessica at Joule asking that the clock for public outreach be restarted. Franco has set up a meeting on November 14th with Joule and CSG to discuss.

Bldg. Audits – No change in this area.

Fleet Purchase. Jason will ask Tracey Bartels to brief us on the county law in this area and provide guidance on establishing a Town green purchasing plan.

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

Danskammer: Franco reported there was no change to this.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 7th @ 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Stephen Weir