



**Minutes of the September 7, 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 and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

Task Force Members Excused: Suger Rowinski, Rebecca Carucci and Rick Irizarry

Guests: Susan Gillespie.

Opening Remarks

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

New Business

Introduction of Susan Gillespie. Jason introduced our guest speaker. Susan spoke as an alternative to Joule Energy as a source for CCA. She represents the Mid-Hudson Energy Transition (MHET), a 501c non-profit group. She mentioned that there are three parts to a successful CCA transition. Part one is obtaining supply contracts, then part II is an Opt Out program and lastly, Part III is a study of advanced climate improvement through Energy Efficiency in building and homes, EV charging stations and micro grids.

Susan stated that Joule's problems are currently in their supply contracts. MHET is in a better position because it can receive grants and has applied to be a supplier to the City of Kingston. They are also a partner with Power Market, who has an employee that ran a CCA with NYSERDA.

Susan said we could use her services once the Town passes a new local law for an opt out for community solar and once MHET has completed its application with Kingston

and Newburgh. Franco agrees that community support for CCA is there and that we should ride the coattails of the long hot summer and the possible economic benefit to push through CCA one way or another.

Recurring Business

CEC Grant. Jason completed the grant but reported that the money slated for the EV reimbursements can only be used to reimburse the Town.

Ulster County Roundtable. Mark, Kim and Steve W. attended. The UC group is working on initiatives to improve their website, including maps to highlight areas that require climate mitigation, such as likely flooding areas. Steve reported that he met with Eleanor Peck, representatives from Cornell University and HVPAN who all indicated that would assist the Town in climate mitigation actions. Mark and Steve presented our achievements, goals and obstacles, which include the need for volunteers and professional assistance.

Ulster County Fair. Kim reported that the booth was better than last year, and she got a lot of contact information for the county group.

Cooling Centers. Tara followed up with SUNY New Paltz for an intern, which we possibly will get in the Spring.

ICLEI and Community GHG Study – Mark reported that the study was being finalized for presentation to the Town Board. He is preparing a Power Point slide show and indicated that he would like to present with Steve W. in October.

Gardiner Day. The booth will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Setup needs to start at 10:30. Jason can provide tables and chairs. Mark has submitted the application. Holly, Mark and Steve W. will staff the tent.

Bldg. Audits – Tabled.

LED. Mark and Kim have been talking to NYPA. They sent over their proposal and the pricing went up for the lamps and electricity. Kim indicated that the overall savings to the Town should be approximately the same. One problem: NYPA does not want to maintain the decorative lamps. Kim said we could stay with Central Hudson, but they need to bill correctly. She indicated they have not responded to the audit. She also reported that she is working on meeting with Tim Rogers of New Paltz regarding the software used by NYPA.

Fleet Purchase. A recent procurement by the Town of a used Ford Jeep has raised concerns about the lack of a green procurement law in the town. The procurement was necessitated by the Town's lack of a vehicle to be used by the building inspector and

this pre-empted the need for determining how polluting it was. The Committee is going to reach out to Tracey Bartels to brief us on the county law in this area.

CCA. Mark indicated that Joule is looking for another source and that Westchester is back on line.

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

Danskammer: Franco reported there was no change to this.

New Business

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 5th @ 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Stephen Weir