

Attendees: Franco Carucci, Rebecca Carucci, Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Mark Varian, Holly Shader, Tara Hoey, Mischa Fredricks

Discussion:

- Minutes from last month
 - No questions
 - Task Force approved

- News
 - Andrea Frank - Public Action Workshop at the Gardiner Library
 - Monday, October 19th at 7:00pm

 - NYSERDA CCA meeting with Brad Tito
 - Brad still pushing CCA
 - Lots of interest in our region
 - Understands concern about costs
 - Looking at ways to include community solar as part of the opt-out package
 - Should be moving to a single electrical bill in next few months
 - If Climate Smart Gardiner completes the CCA + LEDs, should only need one more action to get to Bronze certification level

 - Congratulatory memo from Climate Smart Kingston regarding our EV Charging station
 - John Wackman had developed the letter and was approved by CSK!

 - EV Charging station grant --> Marybeth indicated that approximately \$900 can be used to pay towards the electricity charge. This would mean that we may not need to utilize our sponsors until 2021!
 - Holly to reach out to Energetix to get a bill.

- Danskammer resolution passed at the Gardiner Town Board meeting in August.
 - Mischa indicated that there has been a petition created to have businesses sign on in support against Danskammer.
 - Jason indicated that once a petition is prepared, he'd be happy to distribute to any of our channels.
 - Jason recommended speaking with GAB and our contacts from all the green companies and organizations from the Go Green Expo.

Rebecca stated that she would contact GAB with the information once the petition is ready.

Gardiner CCA

- Franco shared presentation on information gained from interviews with CCA administrators.
- Shared his perspective on some of the responses, then recused himself from voting on the CSG recommendation since he will be voting on the Town Board.
- Jason gave his thoughts
 - Felt that Joule more closely met the values of CSG
- Mark gave his perspective
 - Agreed that Joule seems to more closely meet our values

Only question would be regarding outreach/marketing --> may need to set expectations up front

- Task force voted unanimously to select Joule as the recommended administrator
Franco to reach out to Stephen and Rick to check on concerns with administrator selection

NRI

- Jason to share an invite from Roberta Clements to share the maps that have been generated
- One of the next steps is to adopt a resolution
Franco stated that Jean had already mentioned at previous presentation to the Town Board

Climate Smart outreach

- Kim was pushing to several towns through the County CCA
- Due to COVID, it was put on the back burner
- Grant has been released to hire someone for your municipality in order to start a Climate Smart community.
- Looking to spread to Lloyd, Wallkill, Plattekill, and Marlboro

Portal

- Jason completed the yearly summaries and sent to the Town Board
- Felt that we may need more on the action plan and challenges faced
- Awaiting feedback on whether additional info needs to be included
- Will then present to the Town Board
- Will be sending Emily (Marybeth's assistant) the monthly summaries to post on the town website
- Rebecca questioned if the Riverkeeper sweep would count toward points
Rebecca to reach out to Stephen to understand if/how these cleanings would count

Community GHG Emissions

- No new updates

Mark attended the presentation on Dark Skies from James Brigagliano to the NP Climate Solutions meet-up.

- It was well attended, including someone from Colorado and someone from Bali that was logged on at 3:00am local time!
Mark stated that he has reached out to James to potentially get a quote on retrofitting the decorative lamps in the hamlet which should be significantly cheaper than going through Central Hudson.