



Minutes of the April 4, 2022, Meeting Held on Zoom

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Mark Varian, Franco Carucci, Kim Mayer, Tara Hoey, Holly Shader, Steve Mazzuca

Task Force Members Excused: Stephen Weir

Opening Remarks

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

Ulster County Fair: Not enough recycling. Trying to do a better job this time. Trying to reduce waste and improve composting. Trying to add a Bus service for the fair. Looking for green vendors. Want to have an Electric Vehicle to show.



Mark discussed the end of winter called *Spring Forward: Ditch Disposables!* Speakers were very good and the attendees seemed to enjoy it. The video is now available on YouTube. Mark will send out to the team.

Climate Smart in other towns:

Shawangunk – Holly spoke with them regarding our experience with our EV charger. They are looking at free charging stations that are funded by adds. There are some at the Kohls in Kingston and they plan to add in Middletown by 3Q of this year.

Plattekill: Presented resolution to the Town Board. They didn't have as open a reception as in Gardiner. But they are trying. Kim has been providing them advice and support. A strong core group is getting started. There are plans to hand out seedlings at the Plattekill transfer station. They received some strong questioning from the Town Board when they asked for support.

Trees for Tribes- The sign was destroyed by plows. Will look for a new location going forward.

Gardiner Day to be done on October 1st. Mark your calendars.

River Keeper Clean-up – 5 or 6 sites on the Walkkill.

- Information on Town of Gardiner Climate Smart Page. Sign-up early as there is a 50-volunteer max. It will be seen on Climate Smart and Move Forward pages.
- We expect to work from 9 to 12 or so.
- drink coupons Yard Owl and Hoot Owl
- We may head out for lunch afterwards.
- Certificate of insurance is set.
- Looking for recommendations for areas to address.
- Will be looking to address the "Tire Graveyard" by the transfer station.

CDC Grant: Kim e-mailed a link for free farm-audits for energy efficiency. If we get 5 farms to participate in an audit, we can get a municipal building audit done for free. There isn't a time-line but rather it depends upon the grant time-line.

Steve – Hold off on HIA.

Trees for Tribes: Approved for 370 trees. Tara is updating the flyer. Spoke with Walkkill HS regarding volunteers. Looking for a volunteer to do the Carbon Sequestration analysis.

Friday May 20th – Staging and prep work for planting. Probably a 9 AM start.

Saturday May 21st – Planting – probably a 9AM Start

Arbor Day Tree Planting – Saturday May 21st – 12:30 or 1:00 PM opening ceremony by Town Hall. Town will be brush-hogging the field.

There is a suggestion to make sure that both events are properly advertised.

CCA – There will be some zoom sessions to provide public information starting this weekend.

LEDs – Kim – not much new this month. Still a bit of back and forth with Central Hudson, still waiting for a formal price from Central Hudson.

Solar Array at Gardiner Transfer station: Had meetings w/interested parties to see if we could all co-exist. It's dependent if Parkland Status can co-exist with Solar Arrays. There are lots of questions, but the first question is around Parkland Status. The trails and such are moving forward.

Damskammer updates: None at this time.

Greenhouse gas inventory update: currently at a stand-still. No progress until after tax-day. Steve M to reach out to Mark to participate.

Our goal will be to certify as Silver by 2026 in order to align with our next certification cycle.

Sometime in July the Town Board looks for funding input. If we have ideas, it's time to gather them. Send the input to Jason. (Projects to fund in 2023.)

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 1 @ 7 p.m. at the Town Hall or via Zoom. Stay safe and save energy!



Submitted by Steve Mazzuca