



**Minutes of the December 1, 2021, Meeting  
Held on Zoom from 7-9PM**

**Task Force Member Present:** Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Mark Varian, Franco Carucci, Tara Hoey, Holly Shader

**Current Events:** Jason opened the meeting. The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Agenda Items:**

- **Ulster County Climate Smart Communities** update - representatives from towns shared current efforts, Kim raised the issue that the county should address tree planting implementation since it has allocated funds for Arbor Day tree plantings.
- **Solar Mapping Tool** - Training is taking place now; Steve Weir and Carol Richmond are involved.
- **Repair Cafe** - 11/28 event at library was successful, 14 coaches, 25 guests, over 40 items were fixed.
- **Gardiner Comprehensive Plan** has sustainability elements that would earn points, including: smart growth, equity, transportation, revised time table for GHG emissions survey... Franco said the plan is being tweaked, updates will be presented at the next town board meeting and anticipates a public comment period in January. A tree policy needs to be formulated and can be added to Comprehensive at a later date.
- We need to update Climate Smart Gardiner goals (beyond achieving bronze status). Perhaps have CAP agenda item in CS meetings.
- **Certified Bronze status** signs - where to put them? Suggestions included by Rail Trail/charging station entrance, Majestic Park, Town Hall.

- **\$5,000 Grant** - Jason shared that the parameters for using funds are pretty loose. Need a letter of intent from the town indicating where it will be spent.

Possible uses include:

- Reimburse task force members for money given to town to cover unexpected expenses associated with charging station;
- Building energy audit (which would be worth points if it is an ASHRAE level 2 audit) for town buildings;
- Monetary cushion for charging station;
- Pole barn (multiple projects);
- Subsidize EV charging station;
- Water filling station at park;

Vote narrowed to: Reimbursement for task force members, monetary cushion for charger, pole barn projects (need cost estimates for each project), audit for town buildings, subsidizing EV charger. Final vote tabled until next meeting due to cost uncertainties and absence of some of the task members.

- **Solar array at transfer station** - RFPs are going out and will be evaluated by members of parks and Rec, ECC, Open Space. Two members of TB and Climate Smart members will be made aware of summaries of responses and will present to the town board which has final say.
  - Committee of Franco, Rick, Mark, Steve W. and Jason and another town board member will develop rubric for assessing responses.
  - Parks & Rec formally request to transfer property to park land.
    - What implications does that have on developing solar field? This needs to be included in RFP.
- LED streetlights - originally calculated 4% financing, but proposal can be 5 - 10% due to increase in construction cost. There are some details that are unknown, including lamp on Steve's Lane, what is the most recent bill (are we being charged for inoperative lamps?)
- **EV charging station** - Seve Mazzuca did initial analysis of costs, but needs more information from ChargePoint.
- **Danskammer coalition** - project is currently rejected by DEC, they have 30 days to appeal, which is not anticipated. (Update - they appealed)
- **CCA & community solar** - nothing new, Franco will follow up. He thought that RFPs would go out in November.
- **GHG inventory 2020** - no update
- **Community GHG** - Town rep has completed the course, we still need some projections to form a report so won't be ready to present to board until early Spring.
- **Climate adaptations** - Culverts and emergency plan - should be included in comprehensive plan.

- **Annual plan** - Jason is working on it.