



**Minutes of the January 4, 2023 Meeting  
Held on Zoom at 7 p.m.**

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

**Task Force Members Excused:** Holly Shader, Suger Rowinski and Rebecca Carucci.

**Guests:**

**Opening Remarks**

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

**Recurring Business**

**Ulster County CSC.** No update as they did not have a meeting last month.

**Cooling Centers and Town Emergency Plan.** Franco indicated that he had not heard back from Gillian Matthews of Cornell Cooperative and as such the formal resolution from the Board has not been approved. Tara indicated that we have not spoken to the intern from SUNY New Paltz (Ikumi Sato) as she is in Minnesota until Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tara and Steve W. will reach out to arrange a Google Meet session with her.

**Hudson Valley RR Cohort Program.** Mark and Steve W. met with the new cohorts and presented our experience and lessons learned from our Gov't Greenhouse Study. Julie Noble presented from Kingston and expressed interest in Steve helping her contact NYC Fleet as to their electric sanitation truck. Steve put her in touch with Keith Kerman, Dep. Commissioner. The new cohorts expressed good comments about our efforts.

**County Composting through HVRRC.** Jason had sent materials to Mark and Steve M. They met with the program managers and reported that the program was too extensive to be handled by a small town and required considerable transportation vehicles that the town does not have. Mark indicated that it also required considerable personal responsibility and could create a liability issue. Tara mentioned that she spoke to Dan at the Transfer Station who mentioned that only five communities in Ulster County were interested. Mark suggested that we invite a composting company in Clintondale to meet with CSG. They handled the clean up for the Garlic Festival in Saugerties and did an amazing job.

**Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory.** Mark pointed out that the plan needs to be adopted by the Town Board. Franco asked if there was a template for this. Steve W. will research from the CSC Portal. Update: There is no specific format and Mark suggested that it be placed on the TB agenda as an item to approve.

**CCA.** Franco reported that Joule wants to start outreach efforts and will present their plans to the Town Board on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Eventually, they will go out to bid and we expect a May timeframe for a decision. Rick asked about the Kingston group; Franco said they had not finalized with Kingston and would not be ready for us anytime soon. Franco is genuinely concerned that Joule will get this correct this time and intends to vet the plan thoroughly.

**Trees for Tribs.** Tara indicated there would not be a Spring planting this year but will reach out for a Fall 2023 planting.

**LED.** Kim expressed concern about Central Hudson continuing replacement of LED bulbs as they were asked not to do that until the NYPA proposal was finalized. She has asked Marybeth to please contact Central Hudson and ask them to stop immediately. Franco asked that we get a final proposal firmed up with NYPA so that it can be presented to the Town Board in February and the funding option agreed upon.

**Fleet Purchasing Procedure.** Jason will again ask Tracey Bartels to brief us on the county law in this area and provide guidance on establishing a Town green purchasing plan. Steve W. indicated that Julie Noble of Kingston sent him a copy of the purchasing document that Kingston uses to consider the purchase of new vehicles. He will send a copy to Jason.

**Group Purchasing Program.** Jason reported that the program is due to launch on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Ben Eckstein will work with Marbletown, Gardiner and the Green Purchase program to advertise the program. Mark indicated that New Paltz has bought into the program heavily. Grants are available through NYSERDA.

**Silver Certification.** Jason reported that he will be working on the Annual Report and a memo for the Comprehensive Plan. When produced and approved, Steve W. will update the CSC portal.

**Building Audits.** No change from last month.

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

**Danskammer:** Franco reported there was no change to this.

## **New Business**

**Majestic Park.** Mark asked Franco if he knew about the meadow at Majestic Park. Mark believes it is a perfect spot for a pollinator park. Franco will work to get Mark on the Town Board agenda to address this and is working with Parks and Recreation to get a contractor who will restrict mowing in that area.

## **Closing Notes and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Feb 1st @ 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. or via a teleconferencing call. Stay safe, save energy and enjoy your environment!



Submitted by Stephen Weir