CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- May, 2020

1) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribs, Go Green Expo, and Riverkeeper are postponed; we are having our monthly CSG Taskforce meetings via teleconference for the time being. Our monthly meetings use the Microsoft Teams platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/

2) CSG's Climate Action Plan was accepted by the Town Board, and we are working to fulfill its goals, such as considering grants for an electric vehicle for the Town.

3) We continue to work on constructing our EV charging station. The installer met with town officials and initial construction for station has begun in library parking lot. Due to Coronavirus, final installation has been delayed.

4) We are considering implementing a solar array at the landfill.

5) We are hoping to create a community inventory of Gardiner's GHG emissions.

6) As the CCA resolution was recently passed by the Town Board, we have begun interviewing potential CCA administrators.

7) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.

8) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.

9) We are considering options to transition Gardiner's streetlights to LEDs. James Brigagliano will present about Dark Sky standards at our May CSG meeting and ways we can safely reduce light pollution and increase energy efficiency.

10) We are collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.

11) We completed a poster to publicize the ground source heat pump in the Town Hall, which is an efficient heating and cooling system that results in reduced GHG emissions.

12) We are working on an annual reporting process for the public and Town Board on CSG's activities for 2018 and 2019.

13) We are considering virtual platforms to present on topics such as gardening.

14) We have begun disseminating the CSC model to neighboring Ulster County towns, such as Plattekill and Lloyd.

15) We are partnering with Ulster County to create a tent at the Ulster County Fair to showcase green vendors, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.

16) We are speaking with high school students about ways to bring recycling to the new Paltz schools, possibly as part of a Climate Smart Youth Taskforce, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.