

ATTENDING:

Bill Mancini (Chair), Ann Birckmayer, Sandra Tolosa, Jill Henck, Senior Sustainability Planner (CDRPC), Dorene Weir (Village Trustee),

Community Members: Marisa Rothstein, Mark Plakin, Osheen Harrathooyan and Astrid Montagano.

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ROUND 2:

J. Henck discussed the new round of NYSERDA grants offered through the Clean Energy Community (CEC) program. She explained that the program has been modified to include additional action items and that points can be earned by accomplishing various action items. Grants will be awarded based on the number of points earned. The Village already has 400 points and a current potential of 1,500 additional points.

BUDGET REPORT:

Discussion of a 2021-2022 wish list included the possibility of upgrading trash receptacles in the Village Square to include receptacles for recycling. S Telosa stated that she was looking into the cost of installing solar equipment to power the EVCS. B. Mancini will present information received from Plugin Service online in Valatie regarding EVCS maintenance to the Board. The *Assure Plan* fee of \$740 per year could be part of the Task Force budget in the next fiscal year.

AHET MAINTENANCE:

There was further discussion regarding the Village's proposed purchase of a compact tractor for the DPW's trail maintenance in the spring. A. Birckmeyer suggested that the Board consider leasing a gas powered model for a time and see whether additional electric options may come to market in a year or two. B. Mancini will bring it up with the Trustees at their next Board meeting.

REPAIR CAFÉ:

A. Birckmayer continues to research the establishment of a repair café in the Village. She suggested that Next Door social media and the Farmers' Market might be appropriate venues to promote a program. J. Henke noted that there are repair cafes in other municipalities in the County, and we may want to combine with them.

MEATLESS MONDAY:

This item has been tabled due to the library's continued closure.

STREET LIGHT CONVERSION:

Trustee Weir reported no change at this time. The cost estimates from National Grid are exorbitant. She continues to research the low cost financing program offered by the New York Power Authority (NYPA).

OTHER

B. Mancini announced that the current Town of Kinderhook representative is resigning from the County's Environmental Management Council (EMC) at the end of March. Anyone interested in applying for the seat should send a letter or e-mail before February 26 to the Town Supervisor, Patsy Leader, expressing their wish to be appointed to the position.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 7PM, location TBD