

ATTENDING:

Task Force members: Bill Mancini (Chair) and Ann Birckmayer
Tara Donadio, Senior Sustainability Planner, Haley Balancoff, Intern (CDRPC)
Dorene Weir (Village Trustee)
Community Member: Gregory Meriwether, Rich Phillips

BUDGET:

B. Mancini reported that the task force budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 is \$4,200. \$500 is allocated to renew the cloud subscription for the EVCS. The cost of electricity for the EVCS is also part of the budget, estimated at \$425 for the coming year. He has asked the Village to provide details of the costs to separate the EVCS cost from the municipal parking lot lighting which is currently included on the same National Grid bill. He also asked that members provide suggestions on how to make use of the remaining funds for future events and projects in the current year.

MEATLESS MONDAY:

A. Birckmayer updated the number of participants as 130 or 66 households surpassing last year's program. She suggested that a similar initiative may be considered in the fall. G. Merryweather suggested that subsequent events should include recipes exchanges through social media outlets and e-mail blasts.

CEC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE:

B. Mancini reported that he had approached the Trustees regarding adoption of the NYSTRETCH ENERGY CODE 2020, providing details for their review and encouraging them to adopt it. NYSERDA will award the Village \$5,000 for its adoption. Adoption of the new code will also give the Village 1,200 additional points in the CEC Leadership program. Currently, the Village has accumulated 1,100 points. G. Merryweather said this was a good idea as the long term benefits, both economic and environmental, outweigh any short term or initial costs. B. Mancini has provided information to the Village, including the Trustees, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He will ask for the Trustees' approval of this code at their June 9th meeting.

NRI RESOLUTION:

B. Mancini discussed the adoption of the 2018 County Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) by the Village. He submitted the proposal to the Trustees and will ask for them to pass a resolution adopting the NRI for reference, informational and educational purposes as an inventory of data collection identifying natural resources and important community resources within the county and specifically within the Village of Kinderhook.

CSC CERTIFICATION:

A. Birckmayer asked about the status of our Climate Smart Community certification. B. Mancini explained that there is a possibility that the Village has the required points to achieve certification but there is need to gather specific documentation and provide additional narratives to the CSC Portal prior to submission. A. Birckmayer offered to work with W. Applegate and B. Mancini to analyze and compile the necessary data for bronze certification.

OTHER:

G. Merryweather suggested that the Task Force look into having a Recycling Day event that included a focus on recycling electronic devices. B. Mancini explained that such an event has been done in the past as part of Earth Day celebrations and will keep it in mind for future events. There was a discussion of holding future in meeting in person combined with remote access. D Weir stated that Van Buren Hall is open but as there is a lack of air conditioning, it would be problematic to hold meetings there. She added that the Village Hall is expected to open shortly after the entranceway replacement is completed. D. Weir also noted that there is a bulletin board being placed at Rothermel Park by the trail.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 10 at 7PM, location TBD