

Report to the Village Board January 2024

As we have decided to meet on a bimonthly basis, there was no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on February 13th at 7PM in the Village Hall.

1. Climate Action and Resiliency Plan:

The second CARP survey has closed. The Cornell Cooperative Extension is using the data to prepare a draft report to the County and the participating communities for public comments at the end of the month. The final report is expected to be released at the end of March.

2. Clean Energy Communities

NYSERDA and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) are conducting a webinar tomorrow afternoon at 1PM to detail the latest criteria for the Clean Energy Communities Leadership program (CEC 3.0), which I expect to attend. I have submitted an application for a grant based on the installation and ownership of our solar arrays. I've been advised by Tara Donadio of the CDRPC that if accepted by NYSERDA, we will be eligible for a \$10,000 grant. Additionally, under the new criteria the Village has accumulated 3,200 points (see attached estimator), and may also be eligible for an additional \$50,000 award. She noted that with the larger grants >\$10,000, pre-approved options are best, as they are easiest. Tara suggested some such projects:

- Solar installations
- Road EVs + Non-Road EVS
- Charging Stations
- LED Streetlights
- Building Energy Study Upgrades
- Building Heat Pumps
- Landscaping Equipment

I ask the Board to seriously consider potential uses for these awards as the time to submit acceptable projects will be limited. I will provide additional details after attending the webinar. If any Board member wishes to attend, I am sending the registration and ZOOM links with this report.

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