

ATTENDING:

Bill Mancini (Chair), Ann Birckmayer, Sandra Tolosa, Jill Henck, Senior Sustainability Planner (CDRPC), Haley Balcanoff, CEC Intern (CDRPC), Dave Flaherty (Village Trustee), Dorene Weir (Village Trustee), Community Members: Rich Phillips, Marisa Rothstein, Mark Wilson, Chris Van Mosessner, Anthony Dvarskas, Malcolm Bird and Astrid Montagano.

LIFEBOATS HV LOCAL CHAMPIONS GRANT OPPORTUNITY:

B. Mancini noted that grant recipients for the Local Champions program will be announced shortly. He will keep the Task Force informed when the names are released.

BUDGET REPORT:

The latest expense report was reviewed. The current balance in our Village account is \$3,673.68. Recent expenses were limited to a monthly payment to National Grid for the EVCS. B. Mancini asked members to provide any project/initiative suggestions for using current fiscal year funds. He also noted that the Village Board will begin budget discussions in February and asked members to provide any proposals for our 2021-2022 needs.

EVCS:

S. Tolosa reported on the possibility of solarizing the Village EVCS. The cost of a canopy was restrictive and other placement options do not seem practical given the limited space available. J. Henck suggested that the meter be part of the Village's initiative to join a community solar farm. B. Mancini said he would present the Village's alternatives for charging a fee when the two year free period ends at the end of January.

AHET MAINTENANCE:

There was discussion regarding the Village's proposed purchase of a compact tractor for the DPW's trail maintenance in the spring. R. Phillips and A. Birckmeyer noted that an electric model (Solectrac) is currently on the market that may be comparable to the John Deere model the Village is considering for purchase. B. Mancini will bring it up with the Trustees at their next Board meeting.

REPAIR CAFÉ:

A. Birckmeyer continues to research the establishment of a repair café in the Village. She suggested a possible start later this year (August/September) depending on the current restrictions on group gatherings. She suggested the possibility of remote/online events. B. Mancini asked that anyone who might be interested in participating let Ann or him know.

MEATLESS MONDAY:

A. Birckmeyer is working with the Kinderhook Memorial Library in planning another Meatless Monday program. Signups and advertising may be through e-mail/social media as the Library is currently closed to the public. The use of the Library newsletter may also be an option. M. Rothstein suggested that in addition, vegetarian recipes or an instructive video preparing them be posted on social media.

CEC UPDATE:

J. Henck said that information regarding the next round of Clean Energy Community grants has not been released as yet by NYSERDA. She will keep us apprised of any new information.

STREET LIGHT CONVERSION:

Trustee Weir reported on the potential LED conversion for Village street lights. She noted that estimated cost of the program offered by National Grid would exceed \$40,000. This would include all roadway lighting and decorative street lights in the Village. Budget constraints will be a deterrent to this plan at this time. She is also looking into a program offered by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) which offers low cost financing for such projects.

OTHER

M. Rothstein asked if there were any Earth Day plans. A. Birckmeyer noted that in past years, the Task Force had worked in partnership with other organizations to hold events on or around Earth Day. She stated that a Dash for Trash is being considered again this year. B. Mancini said he would request that the Task Force be given access to the Village's ZOOM account for future online meetings.

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