

Report to the Village Board December 8, 2021

The Task force's next regular meeting is December 14th.

The Village's Community Solar Campaign providers Astral Power and Solstice have agreed to extend the campaign until year end. Currently, Astral Power has received 28 subscriptions. Solstice has received 22 subscriptions. As we met our goal, NYSERDA has notified me that the Village is now eligible for a \$5,000 grant. The grant can be used for projects that will improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We will need to submit plans for the use of the funds by February 17, 2022. I ask that the Board consider any other ideas for the use of this grant and pass them on to me. The Task Force has considered a number of possibilities:

1. Purchasing electric lawn equipment for the DPW such as leaf blowers, string trimmers, lawn mowers.
 2. Upgrading lighting in the Village buildings
 3. Partial replacement of street lights, if possible.
 4. Purchasing and installing recycling receptacles in the Village Square to replace existing trash receptacles and purchasing recycling containers for the Village buildings.
 5. A residential light bulb exchange at the Farmers' Market and/or the Library.
 6. Installation of bicycle racks in the Village
 7. A home composting workshop
- Later this month I will work with Trustee Brown and Nicole Heeder to set up the charging station to begin charging a usage fee.
 - Another Meatless Monday in the spring of 2022 in partnership with the Kinderhook Memorial Library is being planned.