

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE BOARD

Meeting was held on October 10 2023 in the Kinderhook Village Hall

ATTENDEES:

Bill Mancini, Ann Birckmayer, Astrid Montagano, Warren Applegate, Seth Agata, Trustee Murphy

Community Member: Marc Shmied

1. Village resident M. Schnied expressed his interest in being part of the Task Force's efforts.
2. . A. Montagano presented a flyer she created for NYSERDA's EV campaign. There was discussion of promoting the campaign and gathering data needed to submit a request to NYSERDA for a \$5,000 grant. B. Mancini stated in order to have a successful campaign; we would need to confirm five EV purchases in the 12106 Zip Code anytime after August 4, 2023. W. Applegate has contacted Ruge's auto dealership and they have agreed to monitor sales of EVs in that area and provide the information needed. B. Mancini noted that he has reached out to Kinderhook Toyota with a similar request. The only information required by NYSERDA is the date of purchase, the type (make/model) of vehicle and the dealership. No personal data of the purchaser is needed. Promotion of the campaign would be through social media, e-mail blasts and including flyers in the Spring 2024 water bill mailings.
3. .B. Mancini stated he had received confirmation from NYSERDA that the Village is eligible for a \$5,000 award for successfully completing Level one of its Heating and Cooling Campaign. There was discussion of how to use the funds. A draft application to get the funding was prepared by B. Mancini and sent to the Board for review after which he will submit it to NYSERDA.
4. B. Mancini summarized the first Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CARP) workshop he and Trustee Browne attended in Chatham on September 27. He encouraged other Task Force members to attend the second workshop on October 25.
5. There was a discussion of the Climate Action Plan's status that S. Agata, W. Applegate and B. Mancini are working on. A draft has been prepared and will be revised with additional data analysis. It will be presented to the Task Force to review, comments and approval. The final version will be brought to the Board for its approval.
6. B. Mancini noted that the County CSCTF is preparing for its second Climate Carnival tentatively scheduled for September 2024. He asked members to consider possible participation in the event such as a tabling event similar to those held at the Village Farmers' Market. There was discussion of a recycling theme including food waste/composting, battery, plastic Christmas lights and electronics recycling, A. Birckmayer suggested having a Christmas light recycling event as part of the annual Candle Light night in the Village Square this year.
7. The Task Force discussed possibly pursuing a street light LED conversion in the Village. A. Birckmayer noted that the Partners for Climate Action are offering grants for such a project. Details as to the cost of such a project will be pursued.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2023 at 7:15 PM at the Village Hall