

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE. JUNE 13, 2017

Members attending: Mayor Jim Dunham, Warren Applegate, Kim Gray, Aileen Leventon, Chairman Bill Mancini, and Michael Robbins

Other Attendees: Kinderhook Town Supervisor Pat Grattan, Robyn Reynolds, CDPC Senior Planner

BENCHMARKING: Resolution accepted by NYSERDA

Two of required "actions" are now complete. Two additional "actions" are still needed for certification as a Clean Energy Community. Code Enforcement Officer training is currently in process. Electric vehicle charging station installation is in the planning stage.

Megan Kirby (intern) will begin entering data to the Portfolio Manager (EPA website) as part of the benchmarking initiative once the Village Clerk's office has completed the compilation of 2015, 2016 and 2017 utility billing and usage.

BOTTLE AND CAN RECYCLING: W. Applegate discussed community charities accounts available through CLYNK, a recycling concern working out of Hannaford Markets in upstate NY. To promote community recycling, he proposed establishing the Village Hall as a distribution point for all charitable community groups to distribute CLYNK bags. As long as municipal employees would not have any added duties associated with distribution, Mayor Dunham was in favor. While such a program would not stand as a major climate action, R. Reynolds saw it as a positive action by the Task Force. A. Leventon wants to know more about CLYNK's business model in working with Hannaford. W. Applegate will return with more information next month

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING: P. Grattan reported meetings with Jolene Pendergast, head of Columbia County Solid Waste Management. She says county does not have the space at local transfer stations to operate or man food waste recycling. Both she and P. Grattan are aware of two local, contractors/excavating firms with permits to accept food waste. P. Grattan suggests a limited pilot program. Though there are grant funds currently available, a deadline of late July with Village Board resolution seems unrealistic. Task Force needs to consider basic logistics of a pilot such as locating and staffing a central drop off site for citizens. P. Grattan will forward local contacts to the Task Force for the next meeting.

WEBSITE UPGRADE

A. Leventon proposed Task Force prepare an annual report to the community and communicate via the Village Website. B. Mancini and W. Applegate will review all information in the minutes of the past year and prepare a list of activities/accomplishments. It is possible to develop an interactive survey instrument (via survey monkey) so that Task Force can request ideas from the community.

SOLAR LAW

One final review and a public hearing remain before legal status -- perhaps process will be completed in two months

NEXT MEETING: JULY 11. 7 p.m.