

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

INITIAL MEETING: June 30, 2016

Attending: Mayor James Dunham, Warren Applegate, Kim Gray, William Mancini, Bernadette Powis

The initial meeting of the CSC Task Force engaged in organizational matters and general discussion of future climate smart activity:

ORGANIZATIONAL:

1. Bill Mancini is designated as CSE Coordinator responsible for ongoing implementation and reporting actions of CSC Task Force. He also serves as chairman of the committee.

2. W. Applegate: Recording Secretary

3. Task force membership - unanimous agreement to seek to enlarge membership of Task Force

FUTURE ACTIVITY:

Recognizing the long term nature of local efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions and to adapt to the effect of climate change, as well as the economic costs of such initiatives, the Task Force feels that initial steps require : 1) an investigation of current practices, energy use etc. to determine what already has been accomplished by the community , 2) an investigation of feasible projects, and 3) eventual funding requests via Village budgetary considerations.

K. Gray urges a timeline be established for all of the actions noted above. J. Dunham urges coordination and sharing of initiatives with Town of Kinderhook CSC (esp. via K. Gray who serves on that task force) and other local CSC task forces, especially with Valatie. B. Powis will reach out to Valatie re/ cooperative CSC initiatives. The Task force recognizes that it must resist moving in too many directions at once. There was general agreement for the Task Force to seek outside advice on procedure and process. B. Mancini will contact some of the professionals (NYSERTA etc.) he has worked with recently. He is seeking assistance to develop a start-up plan for the Task Force.

There was general discussion of possible initiatives either involving Village properties and/or community initiatives.

Brian Murphy (absent from meeting) has communicated an interest in studying current power use of village and current power use bills.

CSE Task Force will re-convene in late July or early in August.

Reporting/ W. Applegate