

## Climate Smart Community Task Force Report to Village Board 5/9/18

The Food Smart Community/Earth Day Events took place on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We received a great deal of positive feedback about the weekend's events. The Task Force cosponsored the weekend program with the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library, the KPBA and the Village's Office of Economic Development. I'd like to give special thanks to the members of the subcommittee who planned and organized the events, Renee Shur, Bonnie Shannon, Sandy Meier, Seth Agata and Warren Applegate. This group has agreed to continue to work with the task force to pursue other projects and initiatives such as community composting and food waste recycling.

Last week we submitted our grant application to NYSERDA for funding of an electric vehicle charging station. We will continue to work on plans for the installation in anticipation of receiving the grant. I also met with the HPC to discuss the project. I will continue to advise them of our progress and share plan ideas with them.

I also accompanied Dale Leiser to a meeting with a representative of Monolith Solar to discuss the possibility of using solar energy to power the village buildings. Due to limited space available to the Village, he suggested subscribing to a solar farm rather than installing panels on rooftops or ground mounted panels behind the Firehouse. Dale and I also had a conference call with Candace Rossi of NYSERDA to arrange an onsite review of the Village's electrical usage and to make recommendations on solar energy options. I forwarded the Village's National Grid billing information for 2017 to Ms. Rossi for analysis. She will contact us to set up a one on one discussion with a NYSERDA representative.

At our meeting last night we had a presentation by Anna Dawson of Hometown Foods regarding her work preserving fresh foods by freezing them in vacuum packages. We are looking into ways to assist her get word out to local farmers, commercial businesses and the general community about the benefits of her methods for preserving fresh food.