7PM on March 8, 2021

REMOTE via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDING:

Task Force members: Bill Mancini (Chair) and Sandra Tolosa

Jill Henck, Senior Sustainability Planner (CDRPC) Dorene Weir and Mark Browne (Village Trustees)

Community Members: Stuart Peckner, Wendy Spielman, Rich Phillips and Astrid Montagano.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROPOSAL:

D. Weir reported that Next Amp has submitted a proposal to the Village regarding a solar subscription for the municipal buildings. M. Browne asked if there would be an issue when solar panels are installed on the DPW garage and Firehouse. D. Weir stated that she and the Mayor will meet with Next Amp representative, Chris Mills, to discuss questions that she and other Trustees may have before any decision is made.

REPAIR CAFÉ:

A. Birckmayer was unable to attend in person, but sent an e-mail asking that anyone interested in joining a discussion of setting up a repair café service should submit their name to B. Mancini and she will set up a ZOOM conference.

MEATLESS MONDAY:

A. Birckmayer also noted in her e-mail that she has been working with the Kinderhook Memorial Library to hold a Meatless Monday Campaign again. The tentative date for it to begin is Ma 15 running through June 30. The Library will announce it in the newsletter. Additional ideas for spreading the word will be discussed in our April meeting.

STREET LIGHT CONVERSION:

Trustee Weir reported no change at this time. The cost estimates from National Grid are exorbitant. J. Henck suggested that the Village look into a partial conversion at first which would not include the legacy lighting.

OTHER

B. Mancini reported that he has been selected to join Columbia County's newly formed Climate Smart Task Force.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7PM, location TBD