

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE BOARD

November 8, 2023

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An application was submitted to NYSERDA this week to apply for a \$5,000 grant award as part of the Village's "Clean Heating and Cooling" campaign. Thanks to the Mayor for submitting the Village's letter of support. I expect a response from NYSERDA in a few weeks. With this funding I propose that the Village move forward on upgrading the interior lighting in the DPW building and the firehouse.

I attended a second "Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan" (CARP) workshop led by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) on October 28. These workshops were very productive in developing vision statements as well as identifying adaptation strategies. CCE will be sending some draft vision statements to attendees that we can share with residents and community leaders to seek their input. It is important to make an effort to try to get broad representation from the under-represented and potentially marginalized people in the community.

We will be conducting bi-monthly meetings of the task force going forward rather than every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 7PM.