

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

APRIL 9, 2019

ATTENDING:

Bill Mancini (Chairman), Warren Applegate, Aileen Leventon (via phone), Rich Phillips (VOK Trustee), David Flaherty (VOK Deputy Mayor), Tara Donadio, Sustainability Planner (CDRPC), Greg Mumby, Assoc. Community Planner (Climate Action Assocs. LLC) and Ann Birckmayer (Village Resident)

REPORTS:

B. Mancini reported on Village Budget Meetings (March 2019):

Village will consider two high impact, clean energy projects, each partially funded via \$35,000 awarded grant.

1) Replacement of old, inefficient boilers in Village Hall and 2) installation of a solar panels at firehouse. (VOK Trustee Phillips stated that VOK will fully fund a third project: lighting of Village Parking Lot.)

B. Mancini reported on a press release announcing Kinderhook designation as Clean Energy Community. Release has been approved by NYSERDA and is in process of distribution.

B. Mancini and R. Phillips commented on Climate Action Resolutions and Carbon Fee:

In response to inquiry as to status of resolution from Ann Birckmayer, resolution will be considered by VOK at Trustees meeting April 10.

B. Mancini and W. Applegate reported on attendance at Columbia County Roundtable March 18.

T. Donadio reported on upcoming community forum:

Announced April 19 forum on the Climate Smart Community Program in Guilderland and urged Task Force members to attend

W. Applegate reported on Earth Day planned events:

Everything is ready to go. The Task Force has funded advertising and website expenses from its account. Flyers will be posted and sent out electronically to Village residents. Advertisement has been sent to Columbia Paper for publication. Radio announcements are also scheduled.

W. Applegate reported on possible future community involvement:

There is some ongoing discussion with Kinderhook Memorial Library for reading groups (Drawdown as possible reference). Ann Birckmayer proposed a Task Force supported community project which might involve KML. A. Birckmayer and W. Applegate will confer with library director. W. Applegate reported two other community members willing to consult with and assist the Task Force; Judith Enoch (Scientist) and Anthony Dvarkas (Environmental Economic Professor at Stony Brook University -- previously with United Nations Statistics Division)

BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

G. Mumby and D. Flaherty discussed bidding process to be initiated at VOK Trustees meeting April 10. T. Donadio and G. Mumby cautioned that no construction or concrete expenses be approved by VOK before official NYSERTA approval of entire project. R. Phillips asked about project timeline. As VOK provides required data and completed forms, project could be complete in a matter of months. G. Mumby will need 1) cost savings statistics, 2) letter of commitment from VOK, and 3) simple statement of work to be done.

SOLAR PROJECT - FIREHOUSE:

A. Leventon noted that one bidder, Kasselman, is open to re-negotiate its bid in order to get the contract.

B. Timeframe: G. Mumby notes that project request will be under \$50,000; thus NYSERTA will accept current bidding process used by VOK.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday May 14 at 7 PM.