

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK
FORCE

May 14, 2019

ATTENDING: Bill Mancini (chairman), Warren Applegate, Rich Phillips (Trustee)

Tara Donadio - Sustainability Planner (CDRPC)

Ann Birckmayer - community

REPORTS:

W. Applegate & A. Birckmayer reported on Earth Day activities: over 250 lbs of trash was collected in the "dash For Trash," 8 pallets of e-recycling and over 1,400 lbs of paper were collected at Mario's Hardware. B. Mancini has sent thank-you letters to all who assisted in the various events.

W. Applegate reported on successful launching of "Take a Bag - Bring a Bag" effort at the Farmer's Market --well received by both vendors and shoppers. Bags were donated by Hannaford Market-Kinderhook/Valatie.

W. Applegate reported that the Watervliet City Manager has invited Kinderhook to visit WOW Project (Watervliet Organic Waste) -- T. Donadio expressed interest in joining the tour. A date is to be determined.

STATUS OF AWARDS: B. Mancini reported that neither the parking lot lighting proposal nor the boiler replacement proposal will meet grant funding sustainability requirements according to grant writer. Both proposals will be excluded from consideration for the grant. The Board decided to replace them with a solarization of the DPW garage in addition to the solarization of the Firehouse already agreed to by the Board. T. Donadio outlined the steps required to finalize the grant proposal project.

COMMUNITY GRANTS: T. Donadio reported a round of grants for communities would be announced soon. She will send details as soon as they are available.

PUBLICITY FOR TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES: Discussion about a Task Force information table at the Farmers Market and starting publicity about Community Choice Aggregation. T. Donadio will forward materials and Task force will determine publicity opportunities.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 11 7 p.m.

