

ATTENDING via ZOOM:

Task Force members: Bill Mancini (Chair), and Ann Birckmayer
Mark Brown and Dorene Weir (Village Trustees)
Cecile Roche, Rich Phillips

CEC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE:

B. Mancini announced that the Solarize Kinderhook campaign ended on December 31st. He stated that the \$5,000 grant application was approved by NYSERDA. The two providers working on the campaign, Solstice and Astral Power have signed up a combined total of 56 residents. With the incentives they provided, an additional \$3,275 will be awarded to the Village for sustainability and clean energy projects. A. Birckmayer suggested the installation of a public water fountain in the Village Square as a possible choice. B. Mancini said he would propose that and other possible uses for the grant to the Trustees at their Board meeting.

SOLAR PROJECT:

B. Mancini stated that the solar installation project has moved forward with the selection of Sun Common by the Trustees to do the work. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of March.

BIG GREEN BOX:

B. Mancini stated that the program has been successful so far. The box in the Library was filled in a few days. He returned the box for recycling and ordered two additional boxes for placement in the Library. So far, three boxes have been returned for recycling. Each box holds about 40 pounds of household batteries and small electronics.

MEATLESS MONDAY 2022:

A. Birckmayer and W. Applegate will be working with the KML and Hannaford to hold another Meatless Monday campaign later this year. It was proposed that the campaign be held during the summer in order to make use of a presence at the Farmers' Market as well as the Library. B. Mancini asked that members reach out to anyone who might want to contribute recipes to be catalogued and available online and in the Library.

EARTH DAY:

A. Birckmayer proposed a "Dash for Trash" event on April 23rd as part of an Earth Day celebration. B. Mancini said he would check with the Trustees to see if any permit application would be needed.

COMPOSTING:

B. Mancini notified the attendees of the County's pilot composting project. According to County Commissioner Race, the Chatham and Copake transfer stations will be accepting food scraps for composting. She hopes to expand the program to all transfer stations in the County later this year.

COUNTY CSCTF NEWS:

B. Mancini attended the County's CSCTF meeting and reported that they are planning a Climate Carnival in July 2022 at the County fairgrounds in Chatham. He asked for volunteers who might want to help with the Carnival and any ideas having a presence there.