

Report to the Village Board January 12, 2022

1. The Community Solar Campaign, Solarize Kinderhook, ended on December 31st. The final count from Astral Power was 31 and 25 from Solstice. With a total of 51 signups, we will receive \$3,275 from Astral Power and solstice in addition to the \$5,000 grant awarded by NYSERDA. These funds will be used by the Village to promote energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A number of possibilities are being considered for the use of the funds:
 - Purchasing electric lawn equipment for the DPW such as leaf blowers, string trimmers, lawn mowers.
 - Upgrading lighting in the Village buildings
 - Partial replacement of street lights, if possible.
 - Purchasing and installing recycling receptacles in the Village Square to replace existing trash receptacles and purchasing recycling containers for the Village buildings.
 - A residential light bulb exchange at the Farmers' Market and/or the Library.
 - Installation of bicycle racks around the Village
 - Educational events in partnership with the library and other organizations such as home composting workshop, Meatless Mondays and Earth Day celebrations.

Let me know if anyone on the Board has suggestions for using these funds, as we must submit the letter of commitment by February 17th.

2. Flex Billing has been set up for the EV charging station. The fee feature is currently disabled at this time, but is preset at 28 cents per kWh with an additional parking fee of 75 cents per hour after the first two hours.
3. I have spoken to the Library director regarding another Meatless Monday. She would like to have it coincide with the Village Farmers' Market in the spring or summer of 2022 and have an informational table there as well as in the library.
4. The County's Climate Smart Task Force is planning a Climate Carnival in July at the Chatham Fairgrounds. The event will include a Repair Café, a Free Store and bicycle recycling.
5. The pilot food scraps composting initiative has started at the Chatham and Copake transfer stations in partnership with Gro Max. The Commissioner of Solid Waste hopes to expand the program to all county transfer stations during 2022.