

Report to the Village Board October 15, 2022

RE: VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MEETING

7 PM on September 22, 2022

Attending:

Task Force members: Bill Mancini (Chair), Warren Applegate and Ann Birckmayer
David Flaherty Village Trustee, Tara Donadio Senior Planner with the CDRPC

RESOLUTIONS:

Two resolutions were presented to the Board in August 2022. The members of the task voted unanimously to have the Village Board to pass the following resolutions after review by the Board and the Village attorney at its October 15 meeting:

- Climate Action Council Scoping Plan
- Authorizing the Village of Kinderhook to accept technical assistance being offered by the CDRPC to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation plan

(It was agreed by the members that any changes as a result of the reviews would be acceptable to them)

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION:

Members discussed the ongoing project to attain bronze certification in the DEC's Climate Smart program. Each of us is working on the collection and organization of data to support the Village's application for bronze certification. Information is being compiled in the Local Champion CSC certification Google Drive. Trustees Flaherty and Patterson have access to the drive. If any of the other Board members and staff wishes to have access, please let me know.

CEC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE:

A scoping document to participate in a heat pump campaign submitted in early September has been approved by NYSERDA. In connection with this, the Kinderhook Memorial Library sponsored a heat pump presentation led by Tara Donadio from the CDRPC and a representative from Rycor Heating and Cooling on August 24 attended by more than 21 residents. We hope to move forward with the campaign in the next few months. By having at least five installations completed, the Village will be eligible for a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA.

OTHER:

There was a discussion regarding the Task Force utilizing a social media outlet to promote its work like the heat pump campaign. It was thought that we might create an account on Nextdoor Kinderhook with the Board permission.