

## **CSCTF Report to the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees June 14, 2023**

The task force met last night to discuss future plans for attaining silver certification in the DEC Climate Smart Communities program. The following actions and recommendations will help in achieving that goal:

- Interior Light Upgrade: Trustee Patterson was contacted by National Grid regarding an assessment of the village's interior lighting. We need to set a date with their vendor WILLDAN for them to inspect the four buildings. Nicole is going to check with the State police to find out when we can get access to their office.
- The Task Force discussed and recommends including LED street light upgrades and the creation of a cooling center in Van Buren Hall as part of the New York Forward plan. Both these actions will benefit the Village in both the Climate Smart and Clean Energy Communities programs.
- The task force discussed and is considering initiating a Climate Action Plan for Government operations. Some of the data needed has already been collected through the greenhouse gas inventory we prepared last year. We are studying similar plans drafted by towns in the County.
- I am going to contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension to find out when and how to set up an initial stakeholder meeting with them in the Village as part of the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CARP) that the CCE is working on with Columbia County and eighteen county municipalities. It is hoped that the all Village Boards will have one or more members participating.

Finally, Seth Agata has offered to join the task force, and I want to recommend to the Board that he be added as a CSCTF member.