

CSCTF Report to the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees

July 12, 2023

- **Perspective new Task Force member:** Village resident, Osheen Harruthooyan, has offered to join our Task Force. The Task Force would like to have the Board approve his appointment as a CSTF member tonight.
- **EV Campaign:** As part of the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program, the Task Force would like to submit a scoping document to undertake an Electric Vehicle campaign in the Village. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage residents interested in buying a new vehicle to purchase an EV or plugin hybrid. The Task Force will promote the campaign in a number of ways including tabling events and social media. We also hope to receive the cooperation of our local car dealership, Kinderhook Toyota, to track their EV sales once the scoping document is approved by NYSERDA. With a successful campaign, the Village will receive 200 points in the CEC Leadership program and another \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA. Having provided copies of the scoping document, I ask the Board to agree to have me submit it to NYSERDA.
- **Village Community Solar:** In 2019 the Village subscribed to NEXAMP's community solar project for government operations. There have been a number of delays in initiating the subscription. The latest word from NEXAMP is that the solar farm expected to be activated in the spring of 2024. I have contacted Brad Tito the director of community energy at PowerMarket about working with them to see if they can provide the Village with a community solar subscription. I ask the Board's approval for me to provide PowerMarket with the National Grid usage data needed prepare a proposal for community solar through them. This data includes the 2022 electric consumption for all Village accounts, as was done originally with NEXAMP. Mr. Tito explained that I can prepare and submit a spreadsheet rather than the physical National Grid bills.
- **Climate Action Plan (CAP):** Task Force members, including Seth Agata, Warren Applegate and myself, are working on a CAP for Village government operations. Osheen Harruthooyan has also offered to work on the report. The Plan will measure greenhouse gas emission resulting from Village government operations and offer possible actions to reduce emissions over time. Some of the data needed has been collected (2021) previously for the greenhouse gas inventory prepared last year. Additional information for 2022 is needed and will be collected relating to electrical, heating and vehicle fuel consumption. Once completed, the plan will be given to the Board for its review and approval. Once the CAP report is completed we will submit it to the Board for review and approval.
- **Interior Light Upgrade:** An assessment of the Village's interior lighting was conducted by National Grid on June. 26. The results have been forwarded to the Village. The Task Force urges the Board to review the assessments and agree to do the upgrades.
- **NY Forward:** Last month I asked the Board to consider submitting two projects for the NY Forward grant, an LED street light conversion and a certified cooling center in Van Buren Hall. I urge the Board to include either or both projects in the Village's proposals...
- **EVCS:** Trustee Brown and I met with representatives from Chargepoint to discuss the possibility of installing a second EV charging station in the Village. Discussion involved both a level 2 charging station similar to the one in the municipal lot, and a level 3 (DC fast charger). I am happy to assist Trustee Brown and the Board on pursuing this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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