

Report to the Village Board July 13, 2022

From CSCTF 7/12/22 meeting

- The third annual Meatless Monday campaign ended on June 27. At last count, 50 families and a total of 104 people took part. Participants received reusable shopping bags and grocery coupons complements of Hannaford. The Sylvia Center held two virtual family cooking classes and prepared meal kits for the recipes to participants. The kits were available for pickup at the Library. Thanks to Matt Pavloff the Library Director, the Sylvia Center Hannaford and our Task Force members Warren Applegate and Ann Birckmayer for their efforts in making this another successful Meatless Monday campaign.
- The County Climate Smart Task Force's Climate Carnival will take place on July 16 at the Chatham Fairgrounds from 10AM to 4PM. I want to thank the Village for allowing us to collect clothing here at the Village Hall for the Carnival's Pop up Free Store. I also want to thank all those who dropped off clothing during the last two weeks.
- I reached out to Chris Harrison at County Waste regarding a tour of their recycling Facilities, but have not received a schedule of available dates from him as yet.
- This past Saturday, we set up an information table at the Farmers' Market. We received a number of inquiries regarding the possibility of initiating a food scrap composting and recycling service in the Village.
- We discussed the possibility of installing a second electric vehicle charging station in the Village. The DEC is now offering grants for these installations. The grant is similar to the one we received in 2018 with a 20% match and reimbursement of electric usage costs from the DEC for two years. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2022 or until funding is exhausted. Tara Donadio of the CDRPC has agreed to assist in this if the Village decides to go forward with it. One possible site suggested for the EVCS is the parking area near the trailhead at Rothermel Park. Let me know if you'd like to go forward with this project.
- A resolution to undertake a County wide Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CARP) was voted on by the County Climate Smart Task Force on Tuesday. It was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. The plan is a collaboration including the DEC, the County's Cornell Cooperative Extension and Columbia County. Cornell would take the lead in preparing the assessments with data provided by the County and its municipalities.

The County CSCTF has asked that I bring this to the Village Board for their review. The aim is to have as many municipalities as possible take part in this plan. I provided you with a template of the resolution and a short summary of the plan via e-mail on Tuesday. Tara Donadio of CDRPC is willing to come to a future meeting to provide details of the program and answer any questions you may have regarding our participation. It should be noted that this plan will help the Village in attaining bronze certification in the Climate Communities program.