

Minutes for Climate Smart Gardiner Taskforce Meeting: 4/4/18, Gardiner Town Hall

Taskforce Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Aimee Spring-Cecil, David Dukler, Franco Carucci, Holly Shader, Tia Minisinkos, Lisa Lindsley, Mark Varian

(Note: Stephen Weir was present, but was not yet a Taskforce member on 4/4/18)

Taskforce Members Absent: Rick Irizari, Rebecca Carucci, Debra Clinton, Suger Rowinski

Meeting began at 7:10PM, ended at 9:20PM

- 1) Taskforce members and audience introduced themselves.
- 2) Jason Mayer explained points system for Climate Smart Communities (CSC).
- 3) Jason will send official CSC logo to Taskforce, to be used on flyers and correspondence.
- 4) Discussion on official Climate Smart Gardiner (CSG) logo- Aimee Spring-Cecil will reach out to high school teacher Ms. Cone re: graphic design to discuss this.
- 5) Discussion that Taskforce members should come to meetings or let Jason Mayer know if they cannot make it.
- 6) David Dukler asked Jason Mayer to send him list of Taskforce members, so he can pass along to Town Board for official appointment and notation in Town Board minutes. Jason will post Taskforce member list to website (when created) and Facebook page.
- 7) Discussion of interest in high school/middle school student and Gardiner business owner on Taskforce. Lisa Lindsley will reach out to Gardiner Assn. of Businesses and Aimee Spring-Cecil will talk to son and high school about student interest.
- 8) Discussion that David Dukler should be used as liaison to Town Board.
- 9) Discussion about Town Board interest in submission of vision/plans for Taskforce in next few months. Jason Mayer will complete this in next few months.
- 10) Notification that meetings will be 1st Wednesday of each month, except in July, when it will be second Wednesday.
- 11) Discussion that Taskforce minutes are not official until accepted. Lisa Lindsley volunteered to take minutes for subsequent Taskforce meetings.
- 12) Stephen Weir volunteered to collect and submit for "points" for completed CSC actions. Jason Mayer will e-mail CSC excel workbook to Stephen Weir.
- 13) Discussion about CSG website and desire to have it be mobile phone friendly. Lisa Lindsley will reach out to someone with experience in website design.
- 14) Robert's Rules of Order discussed. Discussion that Lisa will generally send proposed minutes before meeting to Taskforce, Taskforce members will read them, objections or additions will lead to revisions, then minutes will be accepted and submitted at beginning on each Taskforce meeting. In voting matters, voting members are taskforce members only, and majority rules. Pros and cons of quorum discussed and tabled.
- 15) Discussion of potential collaboration with Clean Energy Communities Program considered and tabled.
- 16) Discussion of collaboration with Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) tabled, as liaison to ECC, Rick Irizari, absent.
- 17) Discussion on mission statement for CSG; Jason Mayer will put together mission statement based on comments from Taskforce and send to Taskforce before next meeting. Mission statement will be considered at next meeting.
- 18) Taskforce members present unanimously passed long-term Taskforce goal: "Climate Smart Gardiner will be a certified Climate Smart Community by 2020 through actions specified by the Climate Smart Communities Program, designed to help communities reduce greenhouse gas emission and adapt to the effects of climate change."
- 19) Discussion on Rebecca Carucci's Riverkeeper Sweep project on 5/5; Jason Mayer will connect Holly Shader with Rebecca Carucci re: this project, as she has kayaks.

- 20) Discussion on CSG table at Earth Day Fair on 4/21; Aimee Spring-Cecil expressed an interest in volunteering at CSG table at Earth Fair in a shift. Jason Mayer will send out notification of event to CSG listserve and speak to Rebecca Carucci about putting event on Facebook.
- 21) Discussion on Rebecca Curruci idea for CSG Youth Taskforce and whether this might be community service for students; Aimee Spring-Cecil will contact Mrs. Groover, health teacher, re: students for next year
- 22) Discussion about Rebecca Carucci's pollination garden project idea. Mr. Needen, teacher, was discussed as possible resource. Jason Mayer will pass this information along to Rebecca Carucci.
- 23) Franco Carucci discussed next steps re: Community Solarize Campaign. There will be a 2-hour training upcoming with NYSERDA about how to market the campaign. He will schedule this event with the core Solarize Campaign team. Franco Carucci also discussed that the campaign will be sending out Request For Proposals (RFPs) to vendors. Core Solarize team will then pick a vendor and set a launch date.
- 24) Holly Shader discussed that charging station grant from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is due 5/31/18. Holly Shader stated she would send the DEC website links to David Dukler to disseminate to the Gardiner Town Board. There was discussion about relevant aspects of the grant, including ways to reach out and build support in the community, how much power would be required to run the charging station, where might it be placed, how much usage might it get. Holly Shader will connect with David Dukler to coordinate and get answers to these questions with the town.
- 25) Kim Mayer discussed possibilities for an arbor day event. She inquired who might be interested in this project and there was discussion about the possible parameters of such a project, such as whether it might be in the town park, include one tree, involve kids, or involve Trees for Tribes program (a program that provides native plants for reforestation efforts).
- 26) Jason Mayer discussed need for more Taskforce members for Climate Smart Action plan project collaboration with NYSERDA. Mark Varian has already volunteered and Stephen Weir, Lisa Lindsley, Tia Minisinkos, and Aimee Spring-Cecil expressed interest in this project. Jason Mayer will connect interested people with Europa McGovern at NYSERDA for this collaborative initiative.
- 27) The group wanted to discuss possible Gardiner Day ideas at next meeting.
- 28) Tia Minisinkos wanted clarification about how much community involvement is needed to earn points for her invasive species projects, including how many people would need to be involved, as well as ways to get community involvement in these projects. Jason Mayer will connect Tia with Europa McGovern to try and clarify this issue.
- 29) Aimee Spring-Cecil wanted to discuss ways to consider paperless CSG meetings at our next meeting.