



Proposed Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Holly Shader, Rick Irizari, Aimee Spring-Cecil, Mark Varian.

Task Force Members Absent: Lisa Lindsley, Tia Mitsinikos, Suger Rowinski, David Dukler, Steven Weir (Vacation).

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

The prior meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes were made.

Old Business:

1. **River Keeper** - Rebecca reported that 45 people participated in the river cleanup on May 5th. Holly said that 5 kayaks were used and about 2,000 lbs. of refuse was taken from the river and its banks.
2. Jason congratulated Holly Shader on the successful presentation of the **EV charging station** to the Town Board. He thanked everyone involved. Holly mentioned that she still needed some hard numbers and endorsement letters but expects to have the application in on time at the end of the month.

New Discussions/Updates on Projects:

1. **The Gardiner Gazette** is looking for a 400-500 word story on Climate Smart Gardiner. Holly has asked a freshman from Ithaca College who is majoring in journalism if she can write the article. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of some local college and high school students working for CSG as interns.

2. **Recycling at Majestic Park** - Kim brought a recycling bin that will be used at Majestic Park this summer. The bin features a colorful original landscape scene by a local artist. It will have a green lid and the CSG name inscribed on it. Three other bins with original art will be added to the collection. A discussion followed concerning recycling and composting at the Gardiner transfer station.
3. Jason is giving a talk on **Climate Smart Communities** in the Town of Shawangunk. He also mentioned that Steve had spoken at a recent Gardiner Library board meeting about CSG and its plans for an EV charging station in the Library parking lot.
4. The latest **DEC grant program** was discussed. The best use of grant money would seem to be towards a town project that is already under consideration of the Town Board, such as flood control measures.
5. **CSG meetings** - Until further notice meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month (except the July meeting which will be on July 11th). Jason will reserve the Town Hall for the 4th Wednesday of the month as well. We will determine at the first meeting each month whether a meeting on the 4th Wednesday is necessary. Committees may also use the 4th Wednesday to conduct their meetings.
6. The **CSG mission statement** was reviewed. A few small changes were made. Currently it reads:

Through education, community-building, and measurable actions, Climate Smart Gardiner seeks to empower our town to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support a local green economy, promote renewable energy sources and adapt to a changing climate, so we can be environmentally sustainable for future generations.

Unless there are any other questions, a vote to approve the mission statement will be held at the next meeting.

7. The Task Force discussed the use of the CSG website and Facebook page to announce local environmental events and lectures. There was consensus that CSG should remain non-political and that anything appearing on our social media sites should reflect that.
8. Jason suggested that we work with the **Gardiner ECC** on some of its long-term projects. Rick said that the current focus of the ECC is on the surface water law. The Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory is being updated. The last one was done 20 years ago but was not adopted by the Town Board.
9. Aimee is hoping to present the **LED Street Light Proposal** to the Town Board at the next board meeting on June 5th. She has a Powerpoint presentation and will be accompanied by Jeff Laino from New York Power Authority, the proposed vendor. The cost of the project will be paid out over time through the savings incurred through the use of LED fixtures. There will be no upfront cost for Gardiner.
10. Franco stated that the RFP responses for the **Solarize** program are expected by the end of this week. Instead of just 5 bidders, NYSERDA required that the RFP go to all the

certified vendors in NYS. Franco will notify the task force when the bid opening dates are determined.

Submitted by Mark Varian