



## **Proposed Minutes of the June 27th Meeting Gardiner Town Hall**

**Task Force Members Present:** Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Aimee Spring-Cecil, David Dukler, Mark Varian.

**Task Force Members Absent:** Lisa Lindsley, Tia Mitsinikos, Suger Rowinski, Stephen Weir, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Holly Shader, Rick Irizari

Meeting began at 7:10, ended at 8:25.

The prior meeting minutes were reviewed. One change was made. Minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Repair Café:** Held on 6/24 at the library.
2. Tia Mitsinikos will be presenting her **Invasive Species** program at the library on 6/30,
3. Jason made a presentation in **Shawangunk**. He was well received. The town is considering becoming a Climate Smart Community.
4. **The Gardiner Gazette** will be carrying a story on CSG in an upcoming issue.
5. Kim requested that if we know of any upcoming environmental events to contact her so that she can post them on the **CSG Facebook page**.

### **New Discussions/Updates on Projects:**

1. **Recycling at Majestic Park:** Kim reported that three recycling cans have been set up and secured in Majestic Park. The cans will be emptied twice a week.
2. **LEDs:** Aimee gave an update of the LED streetlight project. She has received a proposal from the New York Power Authority and will be meeting with the representative on Monday at 12:30 at the Village Market. Mark and David will also

attend. Other vendors have expressed interest in the project. David suggested that we get more than one proposal so that the town board will have a choice. Mark will forward to Aimee the requirements for the Climate Smart action points for this project.

3. Jason led a discussion regarding task force membership and meeting attendance. No action was taken.
4. **Climate Action Plan:** Mark reported that the town supervisor's letter to Central Hudson requesting energy use data has been sent along with the letters from the other communities taking part in the Climate Action Plan Institute. We should be getting some response within the next few weeks. Once we receive the data the task force will need access to town records to reconcile the information that Central Hudson has provided. Mark suggested that he, Jason and Stephen meet in July to set up a timeline to guide us through the process of collecting and entering data for the greenhouse gas inventory.
5. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Mark said that he and Stephen have been reviewing the digital portal which not only allows us to upload documents required for the fulfillment pledge element actions, but also offers all the information to guide us in completing these actions. For now Jason, Stephen and Mark will have password access to the portal and provide all pertinent materials to other task force members who are working on the various pledge element actions. All action documentation should be forwarded to Mark and Stephen for uploading to the portal.
6. **Gardiner Day:** Holly has suggested that the ribbon cutting for the new EV station should be held on Gardiner Day, September 8<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to take place during National Electrical Vehicle Week. Climate Smart Gardiner should table at Gardiner Day and sign up potential Solarize customers. Aimee thinks we should have CSG T-shirts made up. She is working on a design. There will also be activities for children.
7. Discussion of the Climate Smart Gardiner task force **proposed bylaws** was tabled until the next meeting.
8. Mark reported that the Ulster County bill calling for a **plastic bag ban** has been sent to the Energy and Environment Committee following a public hearing last week. There were 22 speakers; 19 supported the bill.
9. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, July 11. There will be no second task force meeting in July or August.

Submitted by Mark Varian