



## **Minutes of the July 11th Meeting Gardiner Town Hall**

**Task Force Members Present:** Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, David Dukler

**Task Force Members Absent:** Lisa Lindsley, Tia Mitsinikos, Suger Rowinski, Stephen Weir, Holly Shader, Rick Irizari, Mark Varian, Aimee Spring-Cecil

Meeting began at 7:15, ended at 8:45.

The prior meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

1. Tia Mitsinikos will be offering a kid-friendly program on Invasive Grass on 7/14 at 10AM at Minnewaska State Park. CSG will publicize this event.
2. The *Gardiner Gazette* will be carrying a story on CSG in an upcoming issue.
3. On 7/10 the Gardiner Town Board voted to accept Plug In Online's bid to build the EV Charging Station.

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

1. Discussion of the Climate Smart Gardiner task force **proposed bylaws** was tabled until the next meeting.
2. **LEDs:** There was discussion about bidding for LED conversion and that 3 bids are generally necessary for larger projects. However, NYPA is doing their own bidding process, so we will look into whether we can piggyback on their process. David reported that Aimee is considering doing an outline of the LED conversion process at the 8/14 Town Board Meeting.
3. **Community Solar:** Franco gave a presentation on the pros and cons of the two community solar companies that responded to the RFP, Monolith and Nexamp. Some criteria considered included how many subscriptions each company could offer, whether

they require a credit check, and how much relative credit customers would get on their bill. At the next Town Board Meeting on 8/14, Jason is hoping to present our recommendation for which community solar company to utilize.

4. **Gardiner Day:** We discussed having 2 tables at Gardiner Day. One table would be used to generally educate Gardiner about CSG and our initiatives. Another adjacent table would be specifically geared to promote our Community Solarize Campaign for customers. Rebecca and Kim will offer kid-friendly activities at these tables. Rebecca and Aimee will look into CSG t-shirts. Jason will talk with Suger about table cost and coordination. Jason will also send out a list of needed roles/tasks for Gardiner Day, such as banner creation and a schedule for volunteers to run the table. The permit for Gardiner Day will be reviewed on 8/14, so that is when we will know the layout of the event, as this could impact an EV station component for the event. Previously, 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. There was discussion on having a special sub-committee meeting to coordinate this event.
5. **Climate Action Plan:** Tabled until next meeting.
6. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Mark and Steve will send information about documents and descriptions needed for CSC portal as needed.
7. **Plastic Bag Ban:** There will be a September 10<sup>th</sup> vote on the ban and public comment beforehand. Rebecca will publicize this event to the public.
8. **Climate Smart Youth Taskforce:** Rebecca is looking to apply for trees for a kid-friendly *Trees for Tribs* event in Gardiner in Spring, 2019. Jason will connect her with the Gardiner ECC to get environmental expertise on an appropriate location for this project, according to local erosion, flooding, and native species. Jason will also connect her with other individuals who have previously expressed interest in this type of project. Rebecca will also attempt to connect with teachers and kids at New Paltz High School about this initiative.
9. **Recycling Cans at Majestic Park:** There was some concern that there is no can cover for the regular trash at the skater park, and people are throwing recycling in there. David will look into getting a cover for that can. Kim will attempt to publicize the recycling cans with a press release. Jason will send her contact information for writers from the *Gardiner Gazette* and *New Paltz Times*.
10. **Interns & Website:** Tabled until future meeting.
11. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, August 1.

Submitted by Jason Mayer

