



Proposed Minutes of the Aug 1, 2018 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Councilperson David Dukler, Franco Carucci, Mark Varian, Stephen Weir, Holly Shader, Rick Irizari, Aimee Spring-Cecil

Task Force Members Absent: Lisa Lindsley, Tia Mitsinikos, Suger Rowinski and Rebecca Carucci.

Meeting began at 7:00, ended at 8:45.

The prior meeting minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

1. On August 14th, at 244 Fair Street in Kingston, there will be a Ban the Bag Rally in support of Tracey Bartels' legislation.
2. On August 26th, the Repair Café will be held at the Gardiner Library from 1 to 4 p.m.
3. On September 15th, in celebration of the National EV day, New Paltz will hold a parade from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a rally at Peace Park. There will be a number of EV vehicles on hand.
4. Shawangunk is applying for a Climate Smart designation and Jason will attend a community meeting to advise the Town.

New Discussions/Updates on Projects:

1. Discussion of the Climate Smart Gardiner task force **proposed bylaws** was tabled until the next meeting.
2. **LEDs:** Aimee advised that the proposal had to be updated by NYPA because they had addressed only half of the fixtures. She still intends to brief the Town Board on progress at the August 14th meeting. **Update:** Aimee indicates that the NYPA proposal is now complete and we can finish the project by the Q1 of 2019 if we begin in October.

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. The Monolith bid would only allow for 20 to 50 people. The company also requires a one-year commitment, a credit score of over 640 and they charge an \$8 fee for paper checks. On the other hand, Nexamp does not require a commitment, has capacity for 500 to 700 people, does not require a credit check, is not charging for paper checks and is partner to other solar companies. Franco and Jason intend to present a recommendation for Nexamp to the Town Board on August 14th.
4. **Gardiner Day:** We discussed having three 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. Nexamp will be present and should have a banner. The third table will be for the EV program. We will attempt to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the EV charging site and have the Town Supervisor, Marybeth Majestic attend. Holly indicated that she is trying to get participation from the Save the Earth singers. She will also arrange for Nissan to have test drives for the Leaf. 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 and will fill out the vendor table applications. Jason and Steve will help set up the tents, tables and literature.
5. **Climate Action Plan:** Tabled until next meeting.
6. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Steve indicated that at the last CAP Institute Meeting, Europa McGovern spend most of the meeting having the various Towns brief on their current GHG inventory status. Steve indicated that the work done by Mark was presented as the “gold standard” on where other towns should be. Mark and Steve have uploaded information onto the portal on the LED, EV, Community Solar and social media efforts. Steve reminded David that we will need to have the letters of appointment of the Taskforce members and the CSC Coordinator approved at the next Town Board meeting. Steve and Mark will continue to send information about documents and descriptions needed for CSC portal, when requested.
7. **Interns & Website:** Tabled until future meeting.
8. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Weir