



Proposed Minutes of the Sept 5, 2018 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

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

Task Force Members Absent: Lisa Lindsley and Tia Mitsinikos.

Prior to the meeting, Aimee distributed out the Climate Smart Gardiner (CSG) T-shirts. CSG sent a big thank you to Aimee for the amazing end product.



Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

1. Reminder: 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.

2. Jason mentioned that Tia held the Stilt Grass event but only got one volunteer.

3. Climate Smart Gardiner (CSG) was featured in articles in the Gardiner Gazette, Joomag and the Wallkill Valley Times.

4. The vote on the plastic bag ban was delayed

until September.

New Discussions/Updates on Projects:

1. Discussion of the Climate Smart Gardiner task force **proposed bylaws and the Climate Action Plan** were tabled until the next meeting.
2. Jason mentioned that the Town Board would like to see our presentations a week earlier and has proposed that CSG be given a ten-minute slot at each Town Board. Jason will speak to the Town Supervisor, Marybeth Majestic regarding this.
3. **LEDs:** Aimee presented the LED proposal at the last Town Board and it was well received. Aimee reiterated that the proposal requires no upfront costs and the savings in Central Hudson billing will offset the cost of installation. Jason is concerned about what other information that the Town Board needs; Aimee mentioned that Lisa Carver from Central Hudson and Jeff from NYPA could be present at future Board meetings to allay concerns. Mark indicated that from the GHG inventory report figures, the use of present day lighting was a substantial user of electricity.
4. **Community Solar:** Jason gave a presentation at the last Town Board and it too was well received. Franco mentioned that the Town lawyer has asked that the letter from the Town endorsing the solar campaign not mention that the Town endorses Nexamp. Franco is going to speak to Liz at NYSERDA about contract technicalities and recommend that their lawyer speak directly to the Town lawyer. Regarding publicizing the campaign, Franco is going to check on the length of the grant. Rick suggested that publicity be maximized in February when Central Hudson largest bills arrive. Lastly, we will have a sign-up sheet at Gardiner Day.
5. **EV Charging Station.** Holly reported that the original siting was rejected due to the length of the proposed trench. The new site is now on Library property and requires the Library to sign off on an easement. Steve will check on who in the Library will sign this. Holly believes the project will now be delayed until October. **Update:** The Library has sent the easement request to the Library lawyer
6. **Wallkill River Festival.** The event will be held on October 6th. The free festival will run from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on the Wallkill River at the New Paltz Gardens For Nutrition, 51 Huguenot St. In case of rain, the festival will take place Oct. 8. Rick is to find out if the ECC is interested. Holly and Mark would represent the CSG. <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20170921/wallkill-river-festival-takes-place-oct-7-in-new-paltz>
7. **Gardiner Day:** We discussed having two tables at Gardiner Day. One table would be used to generally educate Gardiner about CSG and to promote our Community Solarize Campaign. Holly and Mark will have a separate location at the entrance to the Library to demonstrate a Nissan Leaf and the benefits of the EV program. Rebecca and Kim will



offer kid-friendly activities at these tables. Jason, Franco and Steve will help set up the tents, tables and literature.

8. **Climate Action Plan:** Tabled until next meeting.
9. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Mark reported that at the last CAP Institute Meeting, Europa McGovern indicated that she would like to help us plan for a presentation to the Town Board soon as we were nearly finished. Mark indicated that he and Steve will be spending more time researching records at Town Hall. Mark indicated that in the future CSG must hold a public meeting to get inputs on how to reduce both government and residential GHG's. Steve indicated that he is working on getting the appointment letters finalized for posting to the portal. After the GHG inventory and the letters are finished, we need to find other projects, especially the development of the Town Climate Action Plan. At the moment, work is underway on only 63 of the 120 points needed for Bronze certification. Steve suggested we aim at the fleet inventory, which is relatively easy given there is a limited number of vehicles, all assigned to the Highway Dept.
10. **Trees for Tributaries.** Rebecca indicated we will hold off until the Spring.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Weir