



Proposed Minutes of the October 3, 2018 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

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

Task Force Members Absent: Lisa Lindsley, Kim Mayer and. Rick Irizari

Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason mentioned that future meetings were to be posted on the Town's web page.

Old Business:

1. Jason welcomed Rachel Levy.
2. Jason advised that Power Point presentations were to be forwarded to the Town Board 10 days before the meeting.
3. The Plastic Bag Legislation is awaiting signature from Mike Hein. **Update:** The Legislation passed due in part to CSG support.
4. The general consensus was that Gardiner Day was a complete success.
5. Europa McGovern of the CPI Institute is working with Shawangunk to file for Climate Smart status.
6. Composting was supposed to start on October 1st at the Transfer station. David will be following up with Marybeth Majestic. Suger is going to research selling of composting machines as a way to fundraise for CSG. Steve and Mark will investigate the possibility of getting points on the Portal.

New Discussions/Updates on Projects:

1. **LEDs:** Aimee mentioned that she needed a proposal from Jeff of NYPA. She feels that meeting with Jeff and the Town is needed because Marybeth still believes there is an upfront cost. The Town also wants to know what the payout period is but Aimee



The images above compare LED fixtures versus High Pressure Sodium (HPS).

mentioned that NYPA is doing the financing and we will repay them via our electrical savings.

2. **Community Solar:** Jason expressed concern that we need to find out if the Community Solar grants can be moved to next year. Lawyers still have to talk.

3. **EV Charging Station.** The issues regarding the siting of the installation have been worked out and the Library’s lawyer has to review them. Steve has asked the Library Board to expedite.

Update: The Library has agreed to the new siting provided that the installer’s contract has a provision holding the Library harmless should anyone suffer injury from the installation. As of 10/31, the Library advises that the installer’s contract now has the requisite “hold harmless” statement.



4. **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>

5. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Mark reported that we were nearly completed on the Government Greenhouse Inventory. Steve is to reach out to David and the Highway Dept. to conduct an inventory of the Government fleet. Steve is still waiting 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.

6. **Invasive Species.** Tia reported that Minnewaska has two projects. The major one regards the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) insect which attacks hemlock tree. Hemlock trees



are integral to our forest ecosystems and provide habitat to brook trout and numerous other animals. Warming temperatures have favored the spread of HWA and the Park is asking for our help to keep track of the impact that HWA is

having on our forests in order to make an informed management plan. Training will take place on November 3rd at 10 a.m. Volunteers will be trained on how to spot and record their presence. For more information, please contact invasives@parks.ny.gov. **Update:** This was reported in the Senior Newsletter.

7. **DRAWDOWN Conference.** On 10/19 at SUNY New Paltz, there will be a live streaming of the DRAWDOWN Conference that was held at Omega in Rhinebeck. The streaming will include the welcome and keynote speech by Paul Hawken, the editor of the DRAWDOWN book, which focuses on 100 solutions we can use to reverse climate change.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

1. Jason mentioned the Pumpkin Walk on October 25th at 6 p.m. CSG is providing garbage cans for recycling.
2. Jason distributed and emailed copies of the proposed bylaws. Any comments please send to him before the next meeting.
3. We could still use some interns and people to monitor them over the normal three months they are assigned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Weir