



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

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Aimee Spring-Cecil, Holly Shader, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Mark Varian, and Stephen Weir.

Task Force Members Excused: Suger Rowinski.

Non-Voting Members Present: Councilperson David Dukler and Cal Trumann, UC Solar

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

Old Business:

1. **Create Café.** Jason mentioned that the Café was very successful as holiday gifts were made out of recycled material.
2. **Winter Welcome Expo.** Mark briefed that the Expo was held at St. Joseph's in New Paltz and that some 50 to 60 guests came to see some 15 vendors, who demonstrated high tech equipment such as solar panels, thermopumps, insulation, etc. Details of the event can be found in the New Paltz Times <https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2018/12/10/winter-expo-shares-climate-smart-tips-for-coping-with-seasonal-stresses/>
3. **Drawdown.** Holly attended the event with Cal. Holly indicated that they were separated into specific interest areas in order to establish a network of people to work on climate solutions.

New Discussion and Updates on Projects:

EV Charging Station. Ulster County approved the library easement issue regarding the siting of the installation. David indicated that a former Town Supervisor would provide the



survey. An issue arose as to whether Central Hudson would charge the Town a hookup and monthly connect fee. Holly will check this out.

LEDs: Aimee reported that the project was stalled by Central Hudson (Lisa Carver) who is not getting back to Aimee. Our next step is to purchase the lamps, but the Town needs to get the financials before we proceed.

Community Solar: Franco reported that the deal was dead for this year largely due to the Town's lawyer being unable to understand the procurement practices of NYPA. Franco is going to resurrect the project next year but also reported that there is now the "Solar for All" program. Cal offered to put Franco in contact with his contacts at Kaiser.

Fleet Inventory: Steve visited Brian Stiscia at the Highway Dept. and obtained the current odometers and vehicle inventories. He also has the fueling records and will record them to determine the fuel cost/mile. Update: The Fleet inventory is finished, however, there are a few problems in the data caused by lack of historical data. For example, since we do not have the odometer readings from 2017, we don't know for certain how many miles each vehicle was driven in 2018. We were forced to use the current odometer/age of the vehicle to obtain annual mileage. However, Steve's experience with fleets demonstrated that older vehicles that used to be driven extensively are usually driven far less. So, while most vehicles average 18 to 23 cents a mile, some experienced only 2 cents per mile.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Mark presented the Government GHG inventory to the Committee. Mark reported that Gardiner's government produces 206 tons of GHG annually and that 67% of it comes from the Highway Dept. fleet. Mark indicated that the next stage is communicating our findings to the Town Board and the public for comment. He indicated that reducing GHG will be difficult in that the fleet is largely medium and heavy-duty vehicles that do not have hybrid or electrical counterparts and the fact that diesel is so inexpensive when compared to electric. Mark and Steve will work on a PowerPoint presentation.

Climate Smart Communities Portal: Steve got the letters of appointment for posting to the portal. Mark will upload these. After the GHG inventory and the letters is finished, Mark intends to work on the development of the Town Climate Action Plan. At the moment, work is underway on 76 of the 120 points needed for Bronze certification, however, we have not completed a single point to date. Update: Here are some areas that we should consider next (some appear to just need documenting):

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Portal #</u>	<u>Points</u>
Government Building Energy Audits	PE3	8
Incentives for Employee Transit and Carpooling	PE3	1
Fleet Rightsizing	PE3	1
LED Traffic Lights	PE3	1

Recycling Bins in Government Buildings	PE5	3
Recycling Programs for Public Events and Places	PE5	1
Waste Reduction Education Plan	PE5	2
Heat Emergency Plan	PE7	6
Green Vendor Fairs	PE8	2
Climate Related Public Events	PE9	3
Local Climate Website	PE9	3

Climate Smart EXPO. Jason introduced the need to plan for an EXPO something in February or March. The final dates will depend on the availability of people and will need advertising on Facebook. Various suggestions were made as to a venue (Town Hall, Dutch Reformed Church) and booths. We also discussed whether we should have speakers. Suggestions were made to have booths for Rebecca (vegan cooking, Trees for Tribes), Suger (composting), Cal (solar electric toys), etc. Steve suggested reaching out to Tracey Bartels to meet with Gardiner residents to explain the ban the plastic bags and her work with the Ulster County Legislature on green fleets.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.



Submitted by Stephen Weir

