



## **Proposed Minutes of the January 2, 2019 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall**

**Task Force Members Present:** Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, Mark Varian and Suger Rowinski

**Task Force Members Excused:** Stephen Weir, Aimee Spring-Cecil and Holly Shader

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Lindy Weaver, Christina Alexa Liakos and Basil Tsimoyianis

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

### **Old Business:**

1. **Shawangunk:** The Town took the Climate Smart Pledge. Jason and Europa McGovern (Hudson Valley Regional Council) will meet with the Town in a few weeks to prepare for a kickoff.
2. **New Paltz Climate Action Coalition:** NPCAC has agreed to provide Climate Smart Gardiner with a financial umbrella that will allow CSG to raise funds to support upcoming events and projects. NPCAC, a 501(C) (3) not for profit organization, will collect, save and disburse money on behalf of Climate Smart Gardiner, pending town approval if required.
3. **Woolly Adelgid:** Tia has moved out of the area and will not be receiving any more emails regarding CSG business. Her project, monitoring the hemlock woolly adelgid in Minnewaska State Park, will be passed on to her successor in January. Mark stated that he received his maps and instructions which will allow him to start surveying a portion of the park. The woolly adelgid is active from late fall to early spring.

### **New Discussion and Updates on Projects:**

**Climate Smart Expo:** The late winter Expo is currently scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Jason has contacted the Reformed Church, St. George's Church, and the Gardiner Fire Department about

using their community space for the event. No one has replied. The town has offered town hall, but he feels the other spaces would better suit our needs. Potential vendors, tablers and speakers are:

Ricor HVAC	Tracy Bartels	Nexamp Solar	Global Dwellings
HeatSmart Ulster-Sullivan Counties		SunCommon	NPCAC
Phillies Bridge Farm Project or Four Winds Farm	Cornell Cooperative Extension		
Repair Café	Vegan Cooking by Rebecca	Kid-friendly table	

Hannaford may be able to supply snack foods. We discussed the possibility of holding a raffle, designing and distributing fliers, and writing up a press advisory. Since the Expo is being held a day before St. Patrick's Day perhaps we could come up with a catchy name for the Expo combining the two themes.

**EV Charging Station.** There will be an initial \$30.00 to \$35.00 monthly meter connection fee paid to Central Hudson that the town must cover. Various funding ideas were discussed, including contributions from individuals and businesses. Eventually the connection fee will be rolled into the actual charging price. The project is currently under review at the DEC.



**LEDs:** Aimee has received the revised proposal from New York Power Authority. She will be meeting with Europa McGovern to go over the LED proposal from NYPA within the next few weeks.

**Community Solar:** Franco reported that he will be working on restarting the Community Solar program in 2019.

**Fleet Inventory:** Steve is close to completion of the fleet inventory. He has been working closely with Brian Stiscia at the Highway Department.

**Greenhouse Gas Inventory:** Mark introduced the PowerPoint presentation of the Government GHG inventory to the Committee. This is a draft version of the presentation he hopes to make to the town board in March. Mark has begun the Climate Action Plan narrative and will be using his presentation to get community input during the Expo.

**Trees for Tribs:** Rebecca is working at tying in this project with the River Keeper river clean-up in the spring. The Trees for Tribs application requires us to designate where the trees will be planted. Since we hope to plant on public land, Rebecca is waiting for the input of the town board. We also discussed the possibility of planting on private property.

**Earth Day:** The New Paltz Earth Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. CSG will discuss our participation at our next meeting.

**HeatSmart:** There will be a presentation of the HeatSmart Ulster-Sullivan program that is currently getting underway on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at New Paltz Village Hall at 7:00PM. The HeatSmart initiative is promoting ground source and air source heat pumps as well as whole house audits and insulation.

**Closing Notes and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.



Submitted by Mark Varian