



## **Proposed Minutes of the April 3, 2019 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall**

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

**Task Force Members Excused.** Suger Rowinski

**Opening:** Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason expressed how happy we was with the Green Expo but was dismayed that the New Paltz Times did not cover the event. Jen Bruntl of the Girls Scouts has indicated she intends to write a piece for publishing there.

### **Old Business:**

1. **CAPI Webinar.** Mark reported that the last meeting of the CAPI was to be held on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> and that Europa McGovern has invited all Climate Smart task force members to attend. The NYS DEC and NYSERDA will also present. The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Esopus Town Hall.
2. **EV Charging Station.** Holly reported she is dealing with Willow Eyres. They have jointly reviewed the grant and Willow has now sent Holly a to-do list. Holly expects to complete this by Friday and if all goes well, installation can start.



3. **Go Green Expo:** Jason summarized how successful the March 16<sup>th</sup> Expo was and



thanked everyone who participated. Our leprechauns managed to secure 126 new emails. Jason believes that some 150+ people attended. It integrated the traditional Irish green associated with St. Patrick's Day and our green environmental initiatives. 18 vendors attended including Suncommon, Climate Smart New Paltz, Lighthouse Home Solutions, Repair Café, NYS Solar Farm, Energy Conservation Specialists, Phillies Bridge, Cornell Extension, Nexamp, RYCOR HVAC, Global Dwelling, NYSSF, Captain Blankenship, Whitecliff and the Girl Scouts. There were several speakers including Mark and Steve (GHG Inventory); Tracey Bartels (Ulster County's ban on plastic bags); Girl Scouts reading; Hugo Jewel (EV vehicles); Ulster County Recycling (composting) and the



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announced the speakers. A raffle to benefit the Town Fire Dept garnered some \$363. We also had Rebecca's delightful Vegan Café, a scavenger hunt for the children and a craft table. Steve took pictures and publicity was

posted on our FB page.

**4. Trees for Tribs.** Rebecca announced that the State sends bushes and plants to prevent erosion. She is planning on scheduling an event for May 19<sup>th</sup> and two persons from the DEC are expected. Supervisor Majestic and Rebecca decided that the trib area on Farmers Turnpike will be selected. Publicity will start around April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**5. LED's.** Aimee has decided to pursue leasing LED's on the 42 fixtures that Central Hudson owns. Supervisor Majestic is in favor of this. Aimee is after Central Hudson to provide a formal bid. Once received, she plans on going to the Town Board in May for approval.

**6. Fleet Inventory.** Is completed and entered into the portal. Steve advised that he has to complete a procedure to update fleet information.

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

1. **Earth Day.** Ulster Savings is reserving space for CSG at its April 19<sup>th</sup> day. We decided not to participate given that we already expended a considerable amount of time on the Green Expo.
2. **Wallkill Cleanup.** Rebecca plans to do the event on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverkeeper will co-sponsor. We will meet at two locations: the Farmer's Turnpike juncture with the Wallkill and at Majestic Park.
3. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** At the moment, work is underway on 77 of the 120 points needed for Bronze certification, however, we have not marked as complete a single point to date. Mark and Steve are going to meet to document what is actually complete, and if information is missing, we will advise the appropriate task force.
4. **Community Action Plan.** Mark advised that CPI provided us a template from the Village of New Paltz. The plan is going to have to address community green initiatives such as solar panels on the Pole Barn.
5. **501c3.** Jason mentioned that the Climate Coalition is willing to take us under their wing. We also have other options such as the New Paltz Foundation, which hosts the Gardiner Parks and Recreation.

#### **Closing Notes and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be May 1st at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.



Submitted by Stephen Weir