



Proposed Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Aimee Spring-Cecil, Suger Rowinski, Rebecca Carucci, Franco Carucci, and Stephen Weir.

Task Force Members Excused: Mark Varian and Holly Shader.

Non-Voting Members Present: Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic and Councilperson David Dukler

Opening: Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason turned the meeting over to Supervisor Majestic, who addressed the need to limit residential exterior lighting at night. Not only is it an annoyance to other neighbors but also an unnecessary waste of electricity. She requested the Committee's assistance with possibly drafting up of a sample ordinance

Old Business:

1. **CAPI Webinar.** Jason reported that Mark did a webinar on 2/27 with the CAPI.
2. **Repair Café.** Jason reported that a film crew from Germany taped a television segment on the Café to be shown on German television.
3. **Composting.** Kim is going to contact UCRRA about recycling.

New Discussion and Updates on Projects:

Go Green Expo: The Expo is scheduled to be held on March 16th integrating the traditional Irish green associated with St. Patrick's Day and our green environmental initiatives. 18 vendors are scheduled including Suncommon, Climate Smart New Paltz, Lighthouse Home Solutions, Repair Café, NYS Solar Farm, Energy Conservation Specialists, Phillies Bridge, Cornell Extension, Nexamp, RACOR HVAC, Global Diversity, NYSSF, Captain Blankenship, Whitecliff and the Girl Scouts. There will be two speakers scheduled for each half hour starting at 11:00. The

speakers will include Mark and Steve on GHG Inventory; Tracey Bartels on Ulster County's ban on plastic bags; Girl Scouts reading; Hugo Jewel on EV vehicles; Ulster County Recycling on composting and the Tree Huggers. Suger will announce speakers. This will be followed by a raffle to benefit the Town Fire Dept. We will also have a scavenger hunt for the children and a craft table. Steve will take pictures.

EV Charging Station. Marybeth reported that she contacted the State DEC and they required a answer to an email. Marybeth is working on that. Beyond that all that remains is nice weather.

LEDs: Aimee reported that the project has reached its first anniversary and continues to be mired in cost estimate problems. NYPA came back with a new projection that will involve a payback of 15 years. This is unacceptable given the warranty on the lamps is only 10 years. Aimee is exploring with Central Hudson a more limited project. Note: on the portal, the Town still gets points for a plan and a limited number of lamp conversions. Aimee asked Steve for a copy of the portal requirements.



Climate Smart Communities Portal: At the moment, work is underway on 77 of the 120 points needed for Bronze certification, however, we have not completed a single point to date. Additionally, we have not uploaded information on the portal on many items. This area needs attention.

Closing Notes and Adjournment

Jason mentioned that Riverkeeper is May 4th. Rebecca mentioned that Trees for Trib has not been firmed up yet but could be done on Earth day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be April 3rd at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.



Submitted by Stephen Weir