

Climate Smart Gardiner

Meeting of Minutes September 4th 2019

Attendees: Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Franco Carucci, Suger Rowinski, Rick Irizarry, Mark Varian, Holly Shader

- Minutes of the 8/7/2019 meeting were approved.
- County-Wide CCA
 - The meeting with Pat Ryan's staff regarding promotion of CCA throughout the county has been canceled for the 2nd time.
 - Jason indicated that there is a new individual in charge of Pat's Green New Deal platform and we will try and link up with her to get on their calendar.
- Climate Smart Gardiner Get Together!
 - Held at Amy's in mid-August.
 - Everyone had a terrific time, and all applauded her hospitality.
- Recruitment for Climate Smart Gardiner
 - Email blast and Gardiner Day will be utilized to spread our message.
- Repair Café
 - Next one will be on 9/22 at the Gardiner Library.
- New Paltz Climate Strike
 - Rebecca is working on behalf of Move Forward New York who is co-sponsoring the strike on 9/20.
 - No direct CSG involvement necessary, however come out and support as a concerned citizen.
- Climate Solutions Summit and ZEP
 - Register by 9/15
 - After the summit, there will be a Zero Emissions Parade of vehicles!
- Gardiner Day Prep
 - Set up will be at approximately 9:30
 - Rebecca and Franco will meet up with Kim at 9:30 to set up canopy and tables
 - Kim will gather 4 recycling bins
 - Suger will bring recycling signs
 - Jason has the banner and Kim will bring it for set up
 - Breakdown will be a 4:00pm
- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)
 - There was agreement to create a one-pager, providing a summary of what CCA is.

- Forum for CCA
 - Concerned that towns are extremely careful with planning
 - Local resiliency
 - Know where the energy is coming from
 - Communication
 - Minor miscommunications caused some to opt out because they were not aware of the program
- Franco provided update on Gardiner local law for CCA
 - Franco to call for a vote at the 9/10/19 Gardiner Town Board meeting to allow draft proposed law to be sent for attorney review.
 - The goal is to receive feedback by the 2nd Town Board meeting in October to allow the board to review and discuss suggested attorney changes.
 - Next would be approval to schedule the public hearing, which would at best occur in November, but more likely to occur in December.
 - After completion of the public hearings, and if all issues and concerns are addressed, Franco will make a motion to hold a final vote to adopt the CCA local law. This seems it would likely happen in January sessions of the town board.
- EV Charging Station
 - Received clarification from the Deputy Director of Ulster County on non-demand accounts
 - Includes up to 10 kW
 - Over 10 kW would result in charges of about \$100/month
 - Since the station contains two ports, would need to be a maximum of 4.9 kW/port
 - We will need to figure out if this is feasible
 - Two other options potentially feasible
 - Draw directly from the light post nearby
 - Draw directly from the library and then reimburse them for the electricity used by the charging station
- Portal
 - Meeting occurring on 9/17 at 6:00pm at the Gardiner Library
- Fleet Inventory
 - This topic was tabled until the next meeting as Steve was not present to provide an update.
- Climate Action Plan
 - Still in need of an opening statement from Marybeth
- Emissions Inventory
 - Mark will be visiting town hall to download electricity needs
 - Have all information necessary for fuel oil and propane
 - All numbers are up
 - Many of the points in the Climate Action Plan require annual repeating of that action/event (i.e. Go Green Expo would need to occur yearly)
- 501c3
 - Jason posed the question again to Marybeth, but so far there has been no official response

- LED Streetlights
 - Mark indicated that Marybeth is leaning more toward the \$5,000 one-time payment to Central Hudson to replace the bulbs.
 - Marybeth reached out to Central Hudson to get the cost of the on-going rental of the light fixtures
 - Awaiting response
 - Savings is fully from electricity.
 - Pay back of the \$5,000 investment would occur within 2 years!

- Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm