



Minutes of the August 7th, 2019 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

Task Force Members Present: Jason Mayer, Mark Varian, Holly Shader, Franco Carucci, Rick Irizari and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

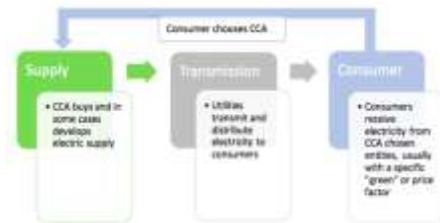
Task Force Members Excused., Rebecca Carucci, Kim Mayer, Suger Rowinski and Aimee Spring-Cecil

Guests In Attendance: Laura Fitzgerald, Wallkill Valley Times.

Opening: Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Jason and Rick spoke about the DEC battery seminars that are online. Jason noted that there are subsidies available for storage batteries in the home. Rick indicated that two batteries were needed for emergencies. Solar farms deliver the power to households but the batteries ensure power during darkness and bad weather.

Old Business:

1. **August 16th Get Together.** Jason emphasized that we are looking for new members. The get together will be at Aimee's house.
2. **Community Choice Aggregation.** Jason had set up a meeting with Pat Ryan to seek political support for the initiative, but the meeting was cancelled.. Franco briefed that the Gardiner proposed law had not yet been sent to the Town Attorney because he hasn't gotten the approval of one of the town board members. Hopefully, it can go to the Town lawyers for review in August and be bought to a vote at the September meeting. After that, we must hold a public hearing, likely in October.



3. **EV Charging Station.** Holly advised that the last she had heard was that the installer was still honoring the price, that the signage was



completed, and that Marybeth was supposed to talk with Central Hudson about fees.

4. **Fleet Inventory.** Steve mentioned that Brian was supposed to coordinate with Marybeth on a procedure for updating the inventory and odometers annually. We are still waiting. Steve will follow up.
5. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Steve revised the portal. Jason wants the inclusion of the solar law. Steve indicated that he needed a copy of it. It was also mentioned that the Environmental Conservation Commission had completed several studies that we might use for points. Steve asked Rick to supply them. Steve also suggested we begin looking at the Community GHG inventory item as New Paltz had just completed one. Mark and Steve will attempt to contact Jason West about this.
6. **Government Operations Climate Action Plan.** Mark presented the latest version of the plan. He noted that a reduction in Government GHG would be very difficult. He believes that going to a CCA might reduce GHG by around 7% and that LED might garner another 3%.
7. **501c3.** Jason presented these options to Marybeth and will follow up with her

New Business:

1. **Gardiner Day Sept 7th.** Jason said that we would again set up a table. Kim needs help and Mark, Holly and Rick volunteered. Kim wants to ensure we have recycling bins. Staff should wear their Climate Smart Gardiner shirts.
2. **Reformed Church, New Paltz August 12 @ 5:30.** The Church is sponsoring an interfaith meeting concerning climate change entitled, "Creation and Lifestyle".
3. **Repair Cafe Sept. 22nd.**

Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be September 4th at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.



Submitted by Stephen Weir