



Minutes of the October 2, 2019 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

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

Task Force Members Excused., Rebecca Carucci, Kim Mayer, Rick Irizari and Aimee Spring-Cecil

Guests In Attendance: Tara Hoey, Andrea Frank and Carrie Wasser.

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

- Jason spoke about the Repair Cafe at the Gardiner Library on 9/22. Mark and Steve attended and noted that there were five repairers and they were fairly active.
- Jason mentioned the support given to the New Paltz Climate Crisis Strike. Schools and colleges were let out, numerous students participated, and several speeches were made.
- Gardiner Day was a success. Mark, Holly and Kim manned the booth and there was plenty of interface. Kim mentioned that we were fortunate to get support from the Ulster Fairgrounds for recycling bins.
- Suger held a composting class at the Liquid Mercantile. 9 people showed.

Old Business:

- 1. Community Choice Aggregation.** Franco reported that the Town Board had voted to pass the proposed local law to the Town Attorney. He expects to have it back by the November meeting. After that we will have a public hearing and then, all things going well, in the January meeting, the law will be voted on adoption.
- 2. EV Charging Station.** Holly advised that she had spoken to Steve about getting the library's approval to tap into their power supply, if possible, and reimburse the library for electrical use. The Library has



agreed to that arrangement.

3. **Fleet Inventory.** Steve met with Brian and they agreed to a monthly update on the inventory, meters and fuel usage. Marybeth signed off on the procedure and Mark will upload the agreement letter on the portal. Steve asked Mark in early Feb. to arrange with Brian to pick up the January fuel figures.
4. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Jason, Mark and Rick met to discuss possible points initiatives. It was suggested that Marybeth be approached regarding the Energy Compliance training certificate and any documentation on the Geothermal installation. Steve to follow up on these. Jason also asked Steve to draft an email to Europa asking for guidance on certain other PE items.
5. **Government Operations Climate Action Plan.** Mark emailed the Committee the latest version of the plan. He noted that a reduction in Government GHG would be very difficult. He said he was working on targets, but they would be a very low reduction in GHG's unless we include a Community GHG study.
6. **501c3.** Jason got an approval from Marybeth and will follow up with her and the Community Foundation of New Paltz.

New Business:

1. **Climate Summit.** Mark and Holly attended, along with 300 others, including Jen Metzger and the Association of Heating Contractors. There was a Q and A session, with questions centering around the issue of what Plan B is when Indian Point is taken off-line on or about 2022.
2. **New York Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.** NYS enacted the law this year and the current proposed Danskammer site on the waterfront in Newburgh appears to be inconsistent with the law. Public comments are being solicited for posting by October 19 to the Sitting Board.
3. **Volunteers.** Jason welcomed the three guests and suggested a number of positions to fill: Coordinators for Outreach, Volunteers and Events and Projects. We also need a Treasurer.
4. **Welcome Winter.** Will be November 21 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.



Closing Notes and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The **next meeting** will be November 6th at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m.

And remember, "There is no methane from kangaroos".



Submitted by Stephen Weir