



Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall

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

Task Force Members Excused. Suger Rowinski and Stephen Weir

Guests In Attendance: Tara Hoey, Francis Gonzalez, Eric Lynn, Meadow, Gabriella Humphrey

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

- Jason announced that the next county CCA development meeting will be held on January 27th. There was no meeting in December.
- Kim is continuing her outreach to neighboring communities to initiate their own Climate Smart Communities.
- New Paltz is going on-line with Community Choice Aggregation in February.
- Mark reported on the Climate Action Strike on December 6th. He said the Middle School was well represented but that there was some sort of snafu at the High School and few HS students were there. The speakers, for the most part, were the same local speakers who spoke at the September 21st strike. There was a small contingent of SUNY students as well as several community members.
- Rebecca presented a program on plant-based diets last evening at the Commissary in New Paltz, sponsored by Climate Solutions Meetup, which is a outreach action by New Paltz Climate Smart. 25 people attended and many offered their experiences and recipes to the group – a very successful evening. At the next Climate Solutions Meetup on February 4th at McFoxlin's, Samrat Prathania will show us how to calculate our personal carbon footprint and how to shrink it.
- Gardiner's recently revived Open Space Commission has joined with the Environmental Conservation Commission to propose the development of a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town. Climate Smart Gardiner would receive 8 points if the Inventory is

designed along the lines prescribed by the DEC. Mark suggested we contact the lead volunteers on this project and offer our assistance and discuss the availability of grant funding.

Old Business:

1. **Go Green Expo.** The 2020 Go Green Expo will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Gardiner Firehouse from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Aimee has agreed to take the lead.

Committees	Chair	Members
Vendors/Raffle Donations	Jason	
Decorations		
Youth Table	Tara	
Set-up (3/20)		Mark, Rick
Safety	Gabby	
Insurance	Kim	
Publicity	Kim	Holly
Photography	Steve	

The theme once again will be St. Patrick’s Day. We may not have live music this year. The only speakers will be Jason and Marybeth. Holly suggested we invite the Red Cross, who offer free smoke detectors.

2. **Community Choice Aggregation.** Further discussion regarding Gardiner’s CCA law will be held at next week’s Town Board Meeting. Franco hopes that the Board will schedule a public hearing for the law in February.
3. **Government Operations Climate Action Plan.** Mark will be presenting the Climate Action Plan to the Town Board at next week’s Board meeting. The plan calls for a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions at government facilities by 2022. He will also be submitting the record copy of the Government Greenhouse Gas Inventory which shows the average emission numbers for the years 2015, 2016 & 2017, as well as a copy of the 2018 update of the inventory.

4. **EV Charging Station.** Installation of a 220 line is too expensive. Holly and Jason suggest that we go back to the original plan and locate the charging station by the entrance to the rail trail in the library parking lot and have Central Hudson install a meter. To avoid costs for a demand-based meter we will limit the amount of electrical charge an individual vehicle can receive at one charging session.



5. **Solar Array at the Transfer Station.** Rick met with Mike of Parks and Recreation and reviewed the plan Parks & Recreation had developed for their proposed trails. He confirmed that both the trails and a solar array of about 500 KW could coexist on the property. He said that Parks and Rec and the Fire Department will hold a joint fund-raiser/chili cook-off at the Firehouse on February 29th.

Closing Notes and Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM. The **next meeting** will be on February 5th at the Town Hall @ 7:00 PM.



Submitted by Mark Varian