



## **Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Meeting Gardiner Town Hall**

**Task Force Members Present:** Jason Mayer, Mark Varian, Rick Irizarri, Holly Shader, Franco Carucci, Aimee Spring-Cecil, Suger Rowinski

**Task Force Members Excused.** Kim Mayer, Rebecca Carucci and Stephen Weir

**Guests In Attendance:** Tara Hoey, Melinda Beuf

**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 February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Capital Region CCA has been invited to present a program. This month's meeting featured a report on the California CCA Summit by Susan Gillespie from Citizens for Local Power.
- Kim is continuing her outreach to neighboring communities such as Plattekill and Ellenville to initiate their own Climate Smart Communities.
- The Gardiner Open Space Commission and Environmental Conservation Commission are developing a Natural Resource Inventory for the town. NRI is a major action item for Climate Smart Communities. Mark, Rick and Tara expressed interest in attending the next NRI meeting on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mark presented the Town of Gardiner Government Climate Action plan to the town board at its Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also reviewed the 2018 update of the Government Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The material was well received.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Go Green Expo:** The 2020 Go Green Expo will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Gardiner Firehouse from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Set-up: 3/20, 9:00AM to Noon and 3:30PM to 5:30PM.

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

Vendors to date:

Rycor, Sustainable Hudson Valley, NYS Solar Farm, Powered by Plants, SunCommon, Lighthouse Solar, New Paltz Climate Action Coalition/NP Climate Smart, Repair Café, ECS Institute, New Yorkers for Clean Power, UCCRA, Electrify New York

2. **Community Choice Aggregation.** A public hearing on Gardiner's CCA law will be held at the March 10<sup>th</sup> town board meeting. Plan to attend and speak in favor of the CCA.
3. **EV Charging Station:** The Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer and Highway Superintendent met with representatives from the charger vendor and Central Hudson on Friday, 1/31, at the library parking lot. The installation should take place within the next few weeks.
4. **Solar Array at Landfill:** Rick has reached out to Marybeth for her input regarding the feasibility study that was done a few years ago.
5. **Climate Smart Portal:** Information has been gathered on the installation of the ground source heat pump that provides heating and air conditioning for the courthouse at town hall. This will be added to the portal.



#### **New Business:**

1. **Gardiner Day:** Suger reported that Gardiner Day will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Non-Profits will be set up under one tent.
2. **Parks & Recreation:** Franco reported on the Park and Rec committee plans for Majestic Park improvements and the proposed trail system at the landfill. The committee will partner with the Fire Department at a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM – 2:00PM.
3. **Climate Action Film Screening:** New Paltz Climate Action Coalition and SunCommon are co-sponsoring a screening of three short films dealing with the environment on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:15PM to 4:30PM. This is a family friendly event. Snacks will be available.

**Closing Notes and Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM. The **next meeting** will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall @ 7:00PM.



Submitted by Mark Varian