

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- January, 2020

- 1) We continue to work on constructing our EV charging station and met with the Library Board to finalize these plans. We are currently waiting on a quote from an electrician to supply the power from the library.
- 2) We are beginning to discuss logistics for our Go Green Expo.
- 3) Rebecca Carucci, CSG member, is presenting on the benefits of a plant-based diet in New Paltz on 1/7.
- 4) Kim Mayer has begun disseminating the CSC model to neighboring Ulster County towns, such as Plattekill and Lloyd.
- 5) We are speaking with high school students about ways to bring recycling to the new Paltz schools, possibly as part of a Climate Smart Youth Taskforce.
- 6) We are considering implementing a solar array at the landfill.
- 7) We have completed our Climate Action Plan, based on our municipal GHG emissions inventory. We are then hoping to create a community inventory of Gardiner's GHG emissions.
- 8) We are continuing the discussion on Community Choice Aggregation at the Town Board Meetings. Through CCA, a municipality can source a clean energy supplier on behalf of their residents and aggregate their buying power, leading to discounted energy for residents. Residents can opt out anytime for free.
- 9) We are beginning to work with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities. We met in November, 2019, and will meet again on 1/27/20.
- 10) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.
- 11) We are considering options to transition Gardiner's streetlights to LEDs.
- 12) We are attempting to recruit new members for the CSG Taskforce.