

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- September, 2020

- 1) We continue to promote the Green Group Purchase Program, designed by Sustainable Hudson Valley. The Program works to obtain group discounted rates on energy efficient heating and cooling systems, such as heat pumps, for the public.
- 2) The Climate Smart Kingston Commission sent CSG and the Gardiner Town Board a congratulatory letter regarding the installation of our EV Charging Station.
- 3) We are working to install signage for sponsors and parking for the EV Charging Station.
- 4) Andrea Frank, Gardiner resident and SUNY New Paltz professor, recently led a Climate Action Workshop for the Taskforce. During this interactive presentation, we learned effective ways to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. We are now considering ways to offer her workshop to the general public.
- 5) The annual Wallkill Riverkeeper Sweep, which CSG has participated in for the last two years, was postponed until 10/17/20.
- 6) We are hoping to create a community inventory of Gardiner's GHG emissions.
- 7) As the CCA resolution was recently passed by the Town Board, we have interviewed potential CCA administrators, Joule and Good Energy, and are considering the merits of each one. We hope to make a recommendation for CCA administrator to the Town Board shortly.
- 8) Amy Kletter from the Stop Danskammer Coalition will be presenting to our Taskforce and we will be considering whether to join this coalition.
- 9) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.
- 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 collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.
- 12) We are working on an annual reporting process for the public and Town Board on CSG's activities for 2018 and 2019.
- 13) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribs and Go Green Expo, are postponed; we are having our monthly CSG Taskforce meetings via teleconference for the time being. Our monthly meetings use the Microsoft Teams platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>
- 14) We are considering implementing a solar array at the landfill, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.