

Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

February 18,, 2021

Video Conference via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Task Force members: Skip Arthur, Carole Furman, Mike Harkavy, Patti Kelly, Susan Murphy, Mary O'Donnell, Nicole Roskos, Leslie Surprenant, Steve Wehr, Mary Ann Wrolsen. Representing the Town of Saugerties: Vernon Benjamin, Kathleen Gray, Councilman John Schoonmaker.

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm by Mary O'Donnell, presiding.

CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Approval of Minutes Patti moved, seconded by Carole that the January 21 task force minutes be approved. All voted aye.

Community Solar Community Solar as a component of the CCA was discussed. The Task Force agreed that a recommendation be added to the CAP Annual Report that the town government participate in the Community Solar part of the CCA also known as Community Distributed Generation.

Clean Energy Communities (CEC) High Impact Actions to implement was discussed. The aim is to accumulate 3000 points in the CEC program for the town to obtain a \$10,000 grant. Also considered was accumulating the 4000 points to qualify for an additional \$20,000 grant. The town has accumulated 900 points to-date. The following actions were discussed:

- Energy Code Enforcement Officer Training – The Task Force discussed the need for the code enforcement officer to retake the training in order for the town to accumulate 200 points in the CEC program towards the 3000 points to qualify for the \$10,000 grant. Mary sent the link regarding the training to John and he forwarded it to Kevin Brown.
- LED Lighting - As soon as Skip gets the certification signed by a town official for the LED lighting conversion, the town will qualify for 700 more points.
- Electric Vehicles – The chief has just completed the form to document the acquisition of an EV. Upon the signing of the form by a town official and uploading it to the CEC portal, the town should receive an additional 100 points.
- Benchmarking - Carole agreed to work on benchmarking and Patti will provide data and info that she has. It was agreed that a town employee should be assigned the benching- marking task going forward. Upon the completion and documentation of benchmarking, the town will receive an additional 100 points and an additional 200 points if the data is posted on the town website. Mike Harkavy moved, seconded by Patti, that the Task Force recommend to the Town Board that it require regarding Benchmarking in accordance with the CEC High Impact Action. All agreed with the recommendation.
- CCA Skip and Mike agreed to work on documentation for this action. Completion and documentation of this action is worth 1500 points. The outreach stage of the program is beginning. Village participation in the program was discussed with respect to unified outreach to the town and village community at the same time. Community Distributed Generation also known as Community Sola was discussed. CCA will be on the agenda for the March meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.

Multi-Family Charging Stations. Steve presented his proposal for EV charging stations in new multi-family dwellings. The question of whether to require or encourage the installation in new development plans was discussed.

TO DO Task Force to study Steve's proposal and make comments.

Adjournment at 6:25 pm.