

Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

May 16, 2019

6:00 pm

Town Hall Rear Conference Room

MINUTES

I. CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Attendees: Mary O'Donnell, Patti Kelly, Leslie Surprenant, Skip Arthur, Katie Cokinos, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Kathleen Gray, Vernon Benjamin, Elizabeth Shafer, Mike MacIsaac, Steve Wehr, Susan Murphy, Mike Harkavy, Ray Bergen.

Guest Speaker UC Legislator Manna Jo Greene informed the task force that there will be an Ulster County Green Business Challenge presentation on Monday, May 20th at the Greco Senior Center to explain the challenge and engage business owners to participate in it. She suggested that task force members encourage businesses to learn about the challenge.

Climate Action Plan Mary O'Donnell announced that the Climate Action Plan was adopted unanimously by the Town board at its May 15 meeting. Sixteen points toward certification will be documented now that the plan has been completed and adopted by the Town Board. A discussion on the number of hard copies to have printed took place. It was suggested that 15 or 20 copies be printed initially, and given to department heads, committee and commission chairs, and made available at the supervisor's office at the clerk's office.

CSC Certification Mary O'Donnell explained that 154 points toward certification will be documented on the portal. Once the Town Board minutes adopting the Climate Action Plan are approved and documentation for the installation of two additional EV charging stations is completed, she will file the application requesting certification for the town as a NYS Climate Smart Community. She will ask Europa McGovern to review the documentation on the portal for feedback prior to submittal. The application will be reviewed by the Office of Climate Change and notification regarding the application takes approximately six weeks.

Go Smart Go Green Fair Follow up Task force members provided feedback on the May 4 fair reporting that more than 150 members of the public attended. There were sixteen exhibits that were well received by the public. The support of the Chamber of Commerce and the many task force members who worked to make the fair a success was duly noted.

Support for the UCRRA Zero-Waste Seminar Project It was agreed to send a letter of support for the UCRRA Zero Waste Seminar Project grant application that is due by May 22, 2019. It was suggested that the supervisor be apprised of the decision to issue a letter of support. Mary will draft the letter and share it with the supervisor.

Report on the Institute for Local Self Reliance on Sound Solid Waste Management Susan Murphy reported on an informational meeting hosted by UC Legislator Manna Jo Greene on May 7 at the UC Legislative Chamber. (Susan's notes attached.)

CSC Grant Program Vernon reported on grant opportunities during the newly announced round of grants available. He suggested that more details will be available for the task force to consider at its June meeting.

LED streetlights The town voted to have Central Hudson convert the remaining streetlights in the town to LED. It was noted that the LED lights should be 3000 K or less.

II. REGULAR BUSINESS

Attendees: Mary O'Donnell, Leslie Surprenant, Skip Arthur, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Kathleen Gray, Vernon Benjamin, Elizabeth Shafer, Mike MacIsaac, Mike Harkavy.

Approval of Minutes – approved unanimously.

Wheelabrator Update There was agreement that there should be a memorializing resolution opposing the proposed ash incinerator in Catskill, NY.

Adjournment – 7:40 pm.