

Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting

February 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Town Hall Rear Conference Room

MINUTES

I CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Present: Mary O'Donnell, Mike Harkavy, Elizabeth Shafer, Leslie Surprenant, Carole Furman, Mary Ann Wrolsen, Patti Kelly, Skip Arthur, Steve Wehr, Nicole Roskos
Town Board Liaison John Schoonmaker, Special Operations Coordinator Vernon Benjamin
Assistant Special Operations Coordinator Kathleen Gray

Announcements

Mary O'Donnell the T.F. will publicize the Saturday March 28 2:00 – 4:00 Heat Smart Saugerties heat pump informational event.

ACTIONS to be taken: Mary O'Donnell - press release; Carol Furman - coordinate flyer printing; T.F. members – distribution and email blasts, John will distribute flyers in the village, Patti Kelly – Lighthouse TV, John - TV 23 coverage, Skip – Lte, Steve – website posting. Day of the event room setup was discussed.

Climate Action Plan Implementation

Community Choice Aggregate Community outreach will be important. CAC will participate in outreach.

Green Fleet Policy Discussed first draft vehicle idling policy. Patti is lead. T.F. agrees best approach is working collaboratively with effected departments to ensure their operations and responsibilities are not negatively impacted by the policy. Carole submitted a draft policy. **ACTION** to be taken – John will discuss with Councilman Ivino.

Street Lights - Conversion to LED – Central Hudson has small area to complete. T.F. needs documentation upon completion. Mary will submit the documentation to the CSC portal requesting 4 additional points.

Climate Resiliency Plan It was suggested that another presentation by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is needed to discuss aligning the work completed by CCE with the PE7 Actions. Resiliency planning is also part of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Tree Planting – Nicole informed the group that she is working on securing grants for community tree planting.

II Regular Business 7:22 pm

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2020 meeting - approved.

Esopus Creek Updates –

Mary O'Donnell sent the recommendation to the Town Board to pursue with village officials the purchase of an aquatic vegetation harvester. John informed the CAC of a potential NYS shared services grant for the town and village to purchase a new harvester.

Town Board Liaison Report –John reported that the Town of Kingston's Planning Board rescinded its Negative Declaration on commercial buildings, steel fabrication, and concrete manufacture adjacent to the Bluestone Wild Forest.

Planning Board Report – nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm