

**Town of Stuyvesant
Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting
February 16, 2023**

Present: William Schneider, Maria Ausherman, Julie Cerny, Lee Jamison, Carol Leber, Kathryn Schneider, Hannah Shepard, Paula Van Meter

Absent: Brian Chittenden, Bob Green

The Unified Solar Permit resolution was passed by the Town Board on February 9, 2023. To get credit for this high impact action we need to submit a certified copy of the executed resolution and a copy of the Unified Solar Permit being used by the town. Kathy will follow up with Melissa and try to get this completed before our next meeting.

The documentation for Energy Code Enforcement Training has been submitted and accepted so that high impact action is completed.

In order to get credit for the LED Streetlights action we need to submit a complete LED Streetlight Certification Form that provides data showing that 50% of all the lights in the town have been converted to LED. Kathy shared this form with Ron Knott on 2/9/23 after the town board meeting and he said he'd take a look at it and see if we have the data to complete the form. Stuyvesant does not own its own street lights so the information might be available as a result of earlier discussions with National Grid. We may have to wait until the work is done to complete this action.

Hannah has been working on getting the data needed for the Clean Energy Upgrades action. We need data from the town and may have to wait a while until our town officials have a little more time to help. It is tax season now and our supervisor and clerk are quite busy.

Columbia County is involved in a County Wide Heating, Cooling, and Energy Efficiency Campaign to educate home owners and businesses about the merits of switching to heat pumps. There has been a press release and everyone is encouraged to participate in a webinar on February 28 at 6:30. Preregistration is needed by signing up at this site <https://sites.google.com/columbiacountyny.com/emc/community-campaign-for-clean-heating-cooling-and-energy-efficiency>

Hannah volunteered to set up a Google Calendar for the group.

Both Hannah and Kathy have tried to determine whether Partners for Climate Action will have their Local Champions Program this year. We have been assured that they will but there is nothing new on their website yet.

We discussed the need to share what we are doing with the town. The meetings are announced on the town website which is undergoing a revision. We have asked for a presence on the new site to post educational materials, meeting notes, etc. Maria will see if there is a way for us to be

involved in the town's bicentennial celebration. Julie will look into the website and other opportunities to provide education to the town.

Paula Van Meter asked about our committee's ability to get involved in a local solar project in the town. Education, hosting trainings, and the incorporation of best practices into the Comprehensive Plan when it is next updated seem the most likely routes. Kathy has spoken to Ron about having the Climate Smart Task Force represented on the committee that does the next update.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00.