

**Town of Stuyvesant
Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting
March 14, 2023**

Present: William Schneider, Maria Ausherman, Lee Jamison, Kathryn Schneider, Hannah Shepard, Paula Van Meter

Absent: Brian Chittenden, Carol Leber, Bob Green

We met via Zoom because of a snowstorm that caused internet, and power outages. Some people were unable to participate because of the storm.

Kathy got the signed and certified resolution from Melissa and submitted the documentation on the Unified Solar Permit Resolution to NYSERDAs Clean Energy Communities. She has not yet heard that it was accepted and needs to follow up.

Ron Knott provided the town's street light inventory. We have about 128 lights in the town. The spreadsheet includes location with ID number, pole number, street name, wattage, LED size and other data. Ron is trying to learn when National Grid plans to do the upgrades and will pass the information on when he gets it. We cannot do anything more on this CEC high impact action until the work is completed.

Now that most of the property taxes have been collected, Hannah will follow up with Ron again about documentation for the town's energy use inventory.

The Kinderhook Library has been collecting plastic films for recycling as a part of the Trex recycling program, which results in a bench donation when enough plastic is collected. Matt Pavlov, the library director, has approached Ron Knott to see if the town would like a bench and Ron accepted. Matt has also asked for someone from our group to partner with him on the collection and taking the recycled materials to Hannaford once a week. Carol has volunteered to work on this.

Several of us participated in the informative webinar on the County-wide Heating, Cooling, and Energy Efficiency Campaign and we want to find a way to share this information with the people in our town. We decided that we would like to hold an informational meeting with some of the same speakers and perhaps add someone that can speak to the state and federal tax incentives. Bill will talk to Ron Knott and approach him about setting up an event.

Hannah has set up a google drive to try to keep us organized. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DiUj60vEP_HcWcIlQ7yqDFgB8bp5dVOW
Please add information that you'd like to share with the group.

Maria reported on the schedule for Stuyvesant's bicentennial celebrations in 2023. There are multiple events, and she will talk to Cathy Knott about where our committee can best fit in. We thought we might create an informational postcard and perhaps have interested citizens sign up

for emails. Kathy will share an informational postcard from the Claverack Climate Smart group with Lee and Maria who have agreed to try to craft something similar for us.

Bill will try to find out what is happening with the redesign of the town website and make sure our task force is included.

In an email distributed prior to the meeting Hannah inventoried the Bronze level tasks for DEC's Climate Smart Communities that she thinks we might tackle. She will put these into a spreadsheet that will allow us to create a plan to move forward this year.

Bill, Kathy, and Lee have made reservations to attend the Climate Action Mixer sponsored by Partners for Climate Action on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Poughkeepsie. There is still time to sign up and the link is on the shared google drive. It's free and we can carpool, but reservations are required. There will be presentations by government officials from DEC and EPA, and Partners for Climate Action will announce updates on their 2023 programs. We have recently been informed that DEC's second quarter review of CSC actions will not include any new certification applications. We hope to network and gain insight into the CSC submission process for various actions—especially the ones we have accomplished through the Clean Energy Communities program.

Lee asked that someone else from our task force attend the town board meeting and report for our group. Bill and/or Kathy will go to the April 13, 2023, meeting.

Julie Cerny has decided to step down from our group because of work commitments. She is currently working three part time jobs. We will continue to share emails with her, and we thank her for her work. She will be missed.

Our next meeting is April 25, 2023.