

Town of Hurley

Climate Smart Task Force

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2022

Present via Zoom: Task Force Members – Lynne Bailey, Erin Nylen, Kristen Schara (Coordinator), Guest - Steph Herbstritt from Cornell Cooperative Extension

Agenda

New Business

Cornel Cooperative Extension-Hurley Climate Smart Web and Social Media Project Presentation

Continuing Business

Green Building Policy

Recycling Bins in Government Buildings (follow up)

Environmental Purchasing Policy (on hold – lawyer reviewing)

Government Operations GHG Inventory (revisions)

CSC Action Status Review

Minutes

New Business

- **Cornell Cooperative Extension-Hurley Climate Smart Web and Social Media Project Presentation**
 - PE9 - Climate Resilience Outreach and Engagement Project on Preparedness and Recovery
 - The CCE is gathering resources for a regional climate resilience web page about preparedness and recovery
 - Will use this info to create social media posts
 - Will tailor education to the needs of our town as well and keep information on all of Hurley's emergency preparedness and recovery resources
 - CTSF advised Stephanie to connect with the Town Supervisor and the communications committee to get all of this information rather than our climate-focused task force
- **Municipal Environmental & Climate Committees Annual Roundtable - August 29 5-8pm**
 - Convening CACs, CSC Task Forces, and Municipal Stakeholders County-wide
 - Erin and Kristen will be able to attend in person in Rosendale at the Rec Center
 - Kristen will fill out the preliminary survey about our task force to submit before the meeting
- **Light pollution**

- Lynne informed the CTF that the The Zoning Task Force is working on an ordinance to shut off lights by midnight/regulate the types of lights that can be installed (motion detectors for security, lights that face downward, etc.)
- **Third Thursday Series** - Marbletown Rochester and Olive are doing an environmental series - first one is about suburbanization and wildlife
 - Erin will share this on Facebook
- **Climate Solutions week** is Sept 17 to Sept 25 - Erin will be on call to share items on Facebook

Continuing Business

Ulster County Fair Tabling

- Lynne will be there Sat/Sun Aug 6 and Aug 7
- Kristen will be there Wed/Fri Aug 3 and Aug 5

Green Building Policy

- Conversation with Melinda about what we should have in policy
 - Kristen will set up meeting about this and environmental purchasing policy vote
 - See if there are building experts in the community we could gather input from?
- Could use values used in NYStretch code but not officially adopt the code e.g., we want to meet these criteria (R values, no combustible fuels, etc.)
 - If we talk about new buildings period (not just govt) - apply it to remodeling that doubles the assessed value of the house

Recycling Bins in Government Buildings (follow up)

- The Town Board did adopt, we just need to follow through and take pictures of bins (Peter to do this?)

Environmental Purchasing Policy (on hold – lawyer reviewing)

- Melinda emailed and said lawyer reviewing and we will discuss at the meeting Kristen will set up along with Green Building Policy

Government Operations GHG Inventory (revisions)

- Comments from Melinda and Mike Schultis
 - Need to mention that at the transfer station they do composting with brush?
- Lynne can reformat after Kristen sends new version with all the text edits

Town Website

- CSTF member list updated and Kristen made some edits to Climate Smart page
- Lynne will look at this page and make more updates
- Lynne can update agendas and minutes on the town website

CSC Action Status Review

Next CSTF meeting will be August 16th