

Town of Hurley

Climate Smart Task Force

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 10, 2023

Present via Zoom: Task Force Members – Stephen Ballentine, Lynne Bailey, Erin (Nylon) Saronson, Kristen Schara (Coordinator) Absent: Peter McKnight

Agenda

New Business

Solar, Heating and EV Community Campaigns – questions, strategies and tasks

Continuing Business

PCA Building Decarbonization Grant

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement - CCE Materials

Actions that we can work on for recertification:

PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)

CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

PE 6 – NRI, Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas

PE3/CEC – LED Street Lights

PE3/CEC – Energy Code Enforcement Training

Minutes

New Business

Action Grants: Solar, Heating and EV Community Campaigns – questions, strategies and tasks

- Relying on vendors to report when people install in Hurley
- Already did community solar - but got 15 people
- Perhaps send a mailer about these things and figure out how to track usage (~\$1500 for last mailing we did to town?)
- Kristen meeting with Eleanor Peck of HVRC 10/11
 - Will ask about tracking usage, big events, and marketing materials we can adapt

Continuing Business

Partners for Climate Action Decarbonization Building Grants (nonprofits and municipalities that own their own buildings)

- Open Nov 5, Deadline Nov 21 - Kristen sent out a notification to: Hurley and West Hurley Library, Hurley and West Hurley Firestations, Hurley Reformed Church and Hurley Heritage Society.
- Lynne met with Melinda and followed up today about applying for a grant for old library

- Melinda will get the narrative started and send to us - Erin can take over if it comes in when Lynne is away

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement

- Erin took a stab at the plan, Lynne will look at and we will try to complete by end of the year
- Cornell Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Plan was presented 9/19 at Town Board meeting
 - New page on Town of Hurley website that directs people to this information
 - Blog for our website: How are you preparing for winter?
 - **Add tangible steps people can take to our climate change education and engagement plan**
- Erin and Lynne to send Jeremy environmental tips for Hurley Newsletter?
 - Hurley How Tos: how to plant a rain garden, composting, EVs, pollinator garden, what do in an emergency
 - Develop a look and feel
 - Share with us your tips about what to do in a winter emergency
climatesmart@townofhurley.org
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PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)

- Erin looked into what we'd need to report:
 - A record of community engagement
 - The goals of the program
 - A list of the proposed organics management strategies
 - An implementation timeline
 - Provide documentation the plan was adopted by the municipality and is currently available online for public viewing.

Other actions to consider in months ahead:

CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

PE 6 – NRI, Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas - submitted grant, will learn more in December

PE3/CEC – LED Street Lights

- ***(Andy/Nancy/Joan did work on this - need to replace 50% of lights - we would need to look at the latest bills)***
- Kristen to look into these bills to see how close we are to reaching 50% LED (these lamps are owned by Central Hudson)

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

- Talk at next meeting about how to get prepared for this maybe using Federal EPA benchmarking energy navigator

Miscellaneous:

- All to review proposal for reuse center for Ulster County
- Next meeting will be November 14