

Town of Hurley

Climate Smart Task Force

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 12, 2023

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

Agenda

New Business

PCA Building Decarbonization Grants and Mixer (Sep 14, 4-7)

Greenway Composting Services

Continuing Business

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement – presentation Sep 19 Board meeting

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

Greenway Composting Services

- Presentation for the town - composted soil much more absorbent could be added to yards that have drainage issues

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

- Info meeting Sept 19
- Open Nov 5, Deadline Nov 21 - Kristen will send out to:
 - Library in Hurley and West Hurley (West Hurley definitely needs a new system)
 - Firehouses?
 - Churches
 - Current Town Hall needs weatherization in ceiling

Mixer Sept 14

- Lynne, Kristen and Erin going

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement – presentation Sep 19 Board meeting

- Erin took a stab at the plan, Lynne will look at and we will try to complete by end of the year
- Erin and Lynne to send Jeremy environmental tips for Hurley Newsletter
- Catchy name and a look/feel
- Tips like how to plant a rain garden, composting, EVs, pollinator garden etc.

PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)

- Erin to look into what we need to document for the action and prepare for gathering this information

CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

- Kristen will look into how to fill out the necessary sheet with data we already have

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings - Lynne to help get prepared for this

- Federal EPA benchmarking energy navigator

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

PE3/CEC – LED Street Lights

- ***(Andy 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

PE3/CEC – Energy Code Enforcement Training ***(This would be the easiest action to take - ask them to do this next year)***

Next meeting will be October 10th