

## **Town of Hurley**

### **Climate Smart Task Force**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 11, 2023

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

### **Agenda**

#### **New Business**

Cross Point Fellowship contact

#### **Continuing Business**

UC Fair Climate Smart Booth

PE6 – Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement – (plan)

Actions that we can work on this year or eventually 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**

#### **Cross point fellowship contact**

- Lynne and Kristen are going to try to connect with them next week
- “Cool congregations” - have a benchmarking tool and other resources for making congregations sustainable

#### **UC Fair Climate Smart Booth**

- 3 dimensional model to go with the GHG activity
- NASA cards that represent GHG for kids
- Climate Core group of interns is working out of the County Exec's office - will be volunteering at fair
- Lynne will be there on 8/4 Friday night and 8/5 Saturday afternoon
- Kristen is signed up for Tuesday/Thursday
- Stephen is interested in signing up as well - Lynne will share information with him
- Kim Myer is the coordinator

#### **NRI Grant from DEC Hudson River Estuary Program**

- We applied - will hear back December 2023
- Grantwriter helped (especially with the amount of match that we should include)

## **PE 6 - Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements**

- We should suggest adding more environmental justice and smart growth elements
  - There might only be one environmental justice area in Hurley as defined by the Climate Justice Working Group under the Climate Act
- Lynne brought up ensuring that we include recommendations about mitigating flooding that will only become more frequent with climate change
- Kristen will add items to doc Erin created and then submit comments for CSTF

## **PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement – (plan)**

- Erin to take a first stab at this and then send to Lynne to work on in the fall

### **Actions that we can work on this year or eventually for recertification:**

PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)

CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings (**can document/benchmark what the heat pump is doing at the town hall - need to solidify an approach for this**)

PE 6 – NRI, Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas

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**)

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

### **Miscellaneous**

- Woodstock designated the Zena Woods area a Critical Environmental Area – we could look at this for inspiration for how to create CEAs in Hurley after the NRI is complete
- Ulster County roundtable for CACs and CSCs on August 30 - those who are able from the CSTF will join in lieu of an August meeting
- September 12 will be the next CSTF meeting