

## **Town of Hurley**

### **Climate Smart Task Force**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 11, 2023**

Present via Zoom: Task Force Members – Lynne Bailey, Peter McKnight, Erin Nylen, Kristen Schara (Coordinator)

### **Agenda**

#### **New Business**

State and Federal funding presentations at HVCAN mixer (see below)

#### **Continuing Business**

PE-9 - Climate Smart events at the Hurley (and West Hurley?) Library

PE2 – Government Operations Climate Action Plan (GOCAP)

PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement

    CCE social media project

    Erin's Article

No-Mow May at the Rail Trail

Actions that we can work on this year:

PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)

CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

PE 6 – Comprehensive Plan, NRI, Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas

### **Minutes**

#### **New Business**

#### **State and Federal funding presentations at HVCAN mixer**

- No grants we can really apply for

#### **Land Use Law Sessions**

- Kristen to find out more about 4th session and whether town supervisor should be there

#### **Solar Mapping**

- Peter will present at the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting 4/12
- We will then post the solar mapping assessment on the website

#### **Continuing Business**

#### **PE-9 - Climate Smart events at the Hurley (and West Hurley?) Library**

- Lack of programming for kids ages 6, 7, 8 - Lynne looking into what she has already done for activities that might be repurposed
- Ulster County Climate Smart - Climate Ambassadors - need to follow up on

## **PE2 – Government Operations Climate Action Plan (GOCAP)**

- New benchmarking tool (see below)

## **PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement**

- Erin to update plan template and share questions with team
- Erin to look into other towns that might have complete plans to use as guidance as well
- Erin to send blurb for cross-posting article on website and look into article for anything that's not applicable to Hurley

## **No-Mow May at the Rail Trail**

- Supervisor's secretary recommended this idea to help pollinators and reduce gas-powered mower emissions
- The highway dept does the mowing and the rail trail committee gets charged
- Woodstock has an ordinance on mowing - might be good to look into
- Kristen called the head of the rail trail committee and thought maybe we could do an area for no-mow may as a demonstration/test area with signage (not in area with benches)
- Other areas like landfill, park, town hall etc. uses a contractor to mow

*Actions that we can work on this year:*

## **PE 5 – Residential Organic Waste Program (Composting)**

- Unclear if RFP got issued, we will ask at CAC meeting

## **CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo**

## **PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings**

- Local champions provided a different benchmarking tool that is easier to use and captures more information (you can also track your vehicle fleet and landfill)
- If we want to turn this over to someone like the Hurley bookkeeper this might be a better option
- We will set up spreadsheet before we give it to anyone who can fill it out regularly
- Kristen will share spreadsheet she used for the municipal inventory for 2019

## **PE 6 – Comprehensive Plan, NRI, Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas**

- Still waiting on comprehensive plan
- We will talk with the CAC about the Natural Resources Inventory