

Town of Hurley

Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2022

Present via Zoom: Task Force Members – Lynne Bailey, Felicia Legge (Intern), Peter McKnight, Erin Nylen, Kristen Schara (Coordinator), Mike Boms (Town Board)

Agenda

New Business

Memorial Day Plans

Solar Mapping

Other

Continuing Business

Heat Pumps Press Release

Social Media Policy

Posters

Green Building Policy

Environmental Purchasing Policy

Building Energy Audits

Government Operations GHG Inventory

CSC Action Status Review

Other

Minutes

New Business

1. Memorial Day Plans

- Waiting on materials that we could use to table.
- Kristen and Lynne are willing to table.
- Face painting could be a possibility
- March ends at Town Hall - 10:30am ?
- Displays (8.5 x 11) - ask us about xyz to educate folks about sustainability
- Kristen will ask Samara if we can have a table from town hall

2. Solar Mapping

- Training going well, learned about core forests and how we can't use those forests for solar farms.
 - This is being proposed in Marbletown on the Gill Property (30 acres?) and the power lines would have to go through Hurley. Question of whether it is a public utility or accessory use.
 - Unclear how many acres of trees would be cut down for this and Scenic Hudson's solar mapping tool/training would not recommend that course of action for solar siting.
 - Lynne is in touch with our counterpart/contact (Alan) in Marbletown.
 - Planning board or community members make take to the ZBA.
- After the training, Peter and Lynne will have recommendations/overlay data on where we might place solar farms in Hurley

Continuing Business

1. Heat Pumps Press Release

- Daily Freeman called asking some questions but didn't want to report once they found out it happened in fall, the next time we should put in data on how much it cost and where the funds came from.
- Lynne will put this on our FB and our website and share with other FB groups

2. Social Media Policy

- Kristen and Lynne to review again to make final tweaks before we button up.
- Lynne and Erin will have a meeting to refine the usage of Facebook and to identify what organizations the Climate Smart Hurley page will follow (including other Climate Smart Task Forces, Scenic Hudson, Clearwater, Riverkeeper etc.)

3. Posters

- Lynne to share new posters (18" x 24" wide) with Peter and Erin
- Max # we'll produce is 3
- Peter to look for other photos - hi res, free, able to be printed large
- Post next to clerk's door when finalized

4. Green Building Policy

- Lynne and Felicia are reviewing other green building policies and will add these examples to our shared drive. Erin will draft a policy to share with

the CSTF by April 30.

5. Environmental Purchasing Policy

- Lynne worked on this and Kristen will make a recommendation to the town board in May to adopt.

6. Building Energy Audits

- Kristen called Daylight Savings today, who will bid on this.
- Bureau Veritas - Already got a bid from this company that does a lot of these, has a very extensive portfolio but may not be used to working with a small town. 3000-3500 for each building (10K for all buildings - we have about 11K in our budget total)
- Lynne sent out RFPs to 4 different vendors as well.
- Once we finalize a vendor, we have to track down the data on the buildings that they're working on (floor plans, energy usage data, equipment that's been installed) - we might not have this for the old library building.

7. Government Operations GHG Inventory

- Went to town hall to present the data in late March
- Need to identify 95% of our emissions
- Felicia has put in all the electric data
- Lynne spoke to highway department today
 - There are line items in the budget for these - Michelle is working to get all of this info together for the supervisor, Lynne following up seeing if she can share with us for 2019.
 - We need to know gallon usage - if we get dollar amount we can estimate gallon usage
 - Need vehicle miles for highway dept
- Don't need to worry about water because we don't have a wastewater treatment plant
 - Could get data on septic tank for last 2 times a company came to pump it
- Employee commute - Scope 3 (nice to have, not mandatory)
- Find out about landfill - need to know about when it was built, when it was closed (Peter Humphries may know - Kristen will reach out to him)
- Kristen looking up question Lynne and Felicia had about where to enter fuel data

8. CSC Action Status Review

- Lynne added a few pages to the website and is working on them before it can be shared
- Need to develop municipal policy about placement of recycling bins wherever there are trash bins in town hall, highway dept, park (there might already be a recycling bin there) - 3 POINTS
 - Implement this policy by providing recycling bins everywhere there are trash bins and take photos showing we did that with different colors and signage that educates people on landfill vs. recycling
 - Lynne went to a recycling meeting at the county level - most of what the haulers pick up is going to trash because it is single stream. Haulers are not separating. Town hall uses a hauler and that means nothing is being recycled.
 - Talk to our hauler about this. Waste Management.
 - The only way to really get it recycled is to bring it to the transfer station. Make it part of someone's job.
 - Peter will talk to Peter Humphries - Kristen will send action to Peter so he knows what to ask for
- Erin shared that Scenic Hudson, PIPC, and NY State Parks will be hosting a free community event 4/23 for Earth Day and to mark the opening of Sojourner Truth State Park. Erin will post this on our Facebook.
- Lynne posted some other events coming up for Earth Week on our Facebook.
- Kristen will start uploading completed actions/narratives to see where we are falling short.
 - Erin volunteered to help type up narratives if needed to complete actions.

9. Other

The next CSTF meeting is May 17, 2022.