

Town of Hurley

Climate Smart Task Force

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2024

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

Agenda

New Business

Community Climate Action Plan (CAP) Opportunity - Community GHG Inventory: 2021 Mid-Hudson Regional Inventory Update - webinar on Jan 25th, 2024 will provide an overview of the 2021 Mid-Hudson Regional Inventory Update and how to use the summary data and report template to create a Community GHG Inventory for your municipality

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Continuing Business

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PE 9 - Climate Change Education and Engagement - CCE Materials

PE6 – Natural Resource Inventory

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CEC - Clean Heating and Cooling Demo

PE 3/CEC - Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings

PE 6 – Zoning for Protection of Natural Areas

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- Kristen and Lynne signed up, there's a template letter and Kristen will send to Mike Boms for review

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- Focus on one educational campaign each month (solar, heat pumps, EVs)
 - Kristen will get permission from Mike Boms to have 10 min presentations at 3 board meetings
 - Kristen to reach out to Tom Konrad to see if he could give a presentation on community solar and we could perhaps do a presentation as part of a town board meeting (hopefully we could have someone record that presentation so that we could use it again)
 - Kristen to talk to 2 other speakers from the Ulster Campaign group to see if they're available for the board meetings in February (13, 27) and March (12 or 26).
 - Put out another mailer February 1 that promotes these meetings as well as the program in general
 - Erin and Lynne to help write this once we know speakers
 - Peter installed Lennox heat pumps with JSP, so his installation will count towards our numbers
 - With EVs we have a state registry we can use to look up everyone in our town who has purchased a vehicle post 11/29/23.
 - Peter will reach out to JSP to see if they have a list of customers in Hurley, West Hurley.
 - Peter will ask the buildings department to keep us informed if people are applying for permits that indicate they're getting heating pumps (permit for fuel tanks being removed, permits for electrical upgrades etc.).
 - After this campaign we could do our own solar rooftop campaign.
 - Erin to reach out to HWS to see if they keep a list of people who got heat pumps in Hurley
2. Hurley Solar Law reconsidered
 - a. Peter talked to Mike Boms about this and he is open to working on a new law! Peter is going to start working on this with the Zoning Task Force.
 - b. Stephen will help advise on this based on his experience with zoning and solar laws and will send Peter a model solar law.

- c. Perhaps this law can include guidance on using the new SITED act or Scenic Hudson's How to Solar Now solar tool as a resource
- 3. PCA Building Decarbonization Grant – Notification in January, no word yet but we think we're being seriously considered!
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- 5. PE6 – Natural Resource Inventory - no formal announcement yet
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- 7. **Misc:**
 - a. We will change our meetings to the first Tuesday every month to avoid conflicting with town board meetings.
 - b. In-Person Winter Energy Assistance Fair in Kingston 1/20 10am - 2pm:
<https://dps.ny.gov/winter>