



**Climate Smart  
Communities**  
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**Town of Poughkeepsie  
Climate Smart Communities Task Force**

**January 6, 2022 at 7 pm on on Zoom at the following link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91995613444?pwd=d1dacndyNzI0VEF3ZXlicFJkb1JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 9561 3444

Task Force members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Chair  
Stanley Merritt  
Thomas Lynch  
Richard Levine  
Ann Shershin  
Joan Freeman

Review of actions in process:

- Fleet Inventory maintenance policy: a meeting is needed with town personnel to develop this. Richard will contact Kristen Taylor to follow up. Ann can assist (she is now chair of the Technology Committee as well as a member of the Infrastructure Committee).
- Energy Code Enforcement Training (ECET): CSC action as well as CEC high-impact action which can help us reach grant status. Susan is staying in touch with Eleanor Peck, our NYSERDA liaison, to hear when dates are added for this free training which also fulfills continuing ed requirements for staff. We hope a date will be available close to us.
- Status NRI/Open Space Plan: Susan reported from CAC, steering committee is meeting next week, preparing to take final plan to the Board; additional points available to us following adoption of the local law.
- Recycling for Town Hall: we discussed the need to identify the value of pursuing this given all of the concerns about what really happens to items separated into a recycling bin. The suggestion was made to ask the Kerry Russell, the DC Recycling Educator (Division of Solid Waste Management) to speak with us. Susan will reach out to her.
- Solar for All campaign: Susan staying in contact with Eleanor Peck on this. (Danielle Salisbury recently left CCEDC to take another position and is no longer involved.) Eleanor has reached out for current count of registrants, this is a very cumbersome process. Meanwhile, we can continue to solicit - even once the target of 25 is reached, it's good for people and planet. Ann will follow up regarding the food pantry at Holy Trinity.

- Comprehensive Plan points determination: The Comp Plan was adopted by the Board in October and could result in anywhere from 3 to 21 points depending on what's included. Michelle Gluck last reviewed a draft plan in 12/2020 and provided a detailed list of the required and optional sustainability elements and where they were found in the plan. We can use this as a starting point to review the final plan. In addition, the final plan itself includes an appendix listing Climate Smart elements. We will need to write a memorandum with all of the information to be submitted to CSC to support the next application. The CSC portal provides detailed instructions on what must be included in that memo. Susan, Ann, Joan, Tom are all able to help with this task; Susan will upload Michelle's document. Kristen is also a resource if needed.
- Updated brochure: Kristen has the changes from Susan and this is in final stages.
- Status of Eastdale (Creekside Park) for revisit of PE7 action: Ann will follow up. If town provided financial support in exchange, this may not actually be a "gift" and the action could be revisited for approval.
- CAPI status: no change.
- Charger grant status: no update. We discussed the possible relocation of town hall and other depts. which was discussed publicly at last night's Board meeting. We should try to find out if the proposal location could be changed.
- Outreach to business community re: charging and/or other elements of a Green Business Challenge: Ann obtained a list of town businesses from the Assessor. Provided along with the list is a guide to codes to indicate what type of business. We should be able to filter the list for location or type. Both documents will be uploaded to the EV infrastructure folder.
- Appointment of new members: Feza Oktay's appointment was tabled and will be on the Board agenda 1/19. Task Force members are encouraged to contact their reps to reiterate the value of his appointment and just to keep an open line of communication to the Board about all of our work.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht