



**Climate Smart
Communities**
Certified Bronze



Town of Poughkeepsie Climate Smart Communities Task Force

September 7, 2023 at 7 pm

The meeting took place on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85918232519?pwd=QkFoN0EwbXJzVnZLTIUzNGxHYIN0Zz09>

The meeting was cut short as a result of local storms and resulting power failures
Additional information was then shared with participants by email.

Task Force members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Chair

Thomas Lynch

Joan Freeman

Stanley Merritt

Ann Shershin

Richard Levine

CAPI Dutchess: Susan showed the actual ICLEI inventory tool in order for members to see how the data collection, sectors, and calculations were made. We also looked at the completed Inventory Report, a draft of which had been sent to the Task Force members for perusal prior to the meeting. With the data collection and Inventory Report completed, the next step is emissions forecasting: “business as usual” and then the impact of selected actions. With this, the cohort will then move to the development of the Climate Action Plan. Our Town is also signed up to add the Climate Adaptation Plan to CAPI work. Susan and Kristen Taylor will present the Inventory to the Committee of the Whole on 9/13/23. Member presence would be appreciated whether in person or on Zoom.

Community GHG Inventory: Starts later this month, a 4-month cohort, Susan and Joan will represent. It is expected that the ICLEI tools will be used for this inventory as well, so the familiarity developed through the government operations inventory is invaluable.

New liaison at HV Regional Council: Elizabeth (Liz) Sun. Liz will support us in planning both CSC and CEC actions and will be our guest in October. Before that, Susan will meet with her to review our current list of approved/planned actions. In terms of planning for Silver certification, it’s important to note that some Bronze-approved actions will expire - some may be renewed but not all. This issue will need to be taken into account when planning for Silver.

Food Waste Recycling Pilot: The CAC is managing this initiative which will likely be modeled on the successful program in Scarsdale, where CAC members have visited. CAC will present to the Committee of the Whole on 9/13/23.

Repair Cafe: 9/9/23, 1:30-5:30 pm at Vassar Barn. Bring your repairs or just visit!

Arlington Street Fair 9/16/23: It has not worked out to have a shared CSTF/CAC table this year because of the Fair being scheduled on Rosh Hashanah and the inability of key members to attend as a result. Materials from both groups will nonetheless be included on the Town table.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7 pm on Zoom

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht