



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

**April 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Meeting occurred on Zoom online platform**

Task Force members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Chair
Michelle Gluck
Ann Shershin
Rich Levine
Joan Freeman
Kristen Taylor

Review of CAPI Dutchess status and information shared in initial webinar

Several group members participated in the 3/20 webinar. Rich shared highlights.

- 16 month program includes 12 in-person meetings
- Accomplish GHG inventory and draft CAP for government operations, fleet inventory will occur as part of the process
- Industry experts will participate
- The ICLEI ClearPath tool will be used - inventory, analysis, and other modules
- Matching hours tracked for volunteer time
- Municipal project leader and data liaison - municipality needs to identify individuals - Kristen will touch base with Mike Welti on this point
- Michelle is involved on behalf of County and will also have info
- We don't know yet if overall schedule is impacted by health crisis

Continue to develop plans for public workshop on EV infrastructure

Joan reviewed 2 documents that she started for the group

- Rough outline of potential events to inform businesses and residents
- Resources

What is needed to complete fleshing out this plan?

- Reaching out to presenters
- Event planning subcommittee - discussion

Does the Chamber of Commerce have existing gatherings where we could piggyback? This is county level - could we collaborate with County Task Force on this? The County Task Force has EV point people. Do other towns? Other ideas include a webinar or speaking at Town Committee of the Whole. How do we feel about a larger event? Is there a way to look at town layout and businesses and identify places that are likely? Feasibility on public property? Look at major developments occurring in the town. Joan and Ann willing to pursue this area, Michelle can connect them with Brad Barclay at the DC Task Force. Susan will contact Stanley regarding questions about County group. Bev made the point that

we don't know how well local businesses will survive the pandemic and be able to invest. Funding is a huge incentive.

Develop Task Force brochure

Bev is willing to assist with creating a simple trifold that we can start to place in key locations. In the fall, when we have the expected assistance from DCC students, it can be upgraded. Just the basic information, similar to what's on our web page at the moment. Susan will send Bev the TOP graphic.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is going to create the CSC Task Force listserv, when this occurs it will be a great opportunity to ask other groups what they are doing on the publicity front.

Checklist action items developed by Michelle and Kristen

Social media

- Susan still plans to start a FB page

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- We should develop ideas for individual cleanups (especially during pandemic) and ways to relate on social media

Solarize campaign

- Is the town interested in collaborating on a solarize campaign? Through NYSEERDA, low- to mid-income able to join community solar. We'd need agreement from the town and a municipal contact. Danielle Salisbury at Cornell is working on this, Michelle will establish contact between Susan and Danielle to pursue an informational call.

Additional notes

Susan will reach out to Senior Center liaison re: planned Lunch & Learn, Ann offered to provide lunch.

Ann went to Highway Dept. and found all the streetlight info for the LED action, she will create a document with the needed info.

Kristen will keep us posted on what the town sets up for online meetings and if available to us. We appreciate Michelle's offer to use the Cornell Zoom account for this meeting.

Next meeting: May 7, 2020

We will continue to plan month by month during the health crisis.