



**Town of Poughkeepsie
Climate Smart Communities Task Force
August 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Meeting on Zoom online platform**

Task Force members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Chair
Kristen Taylor
Michelle Gluck
Ann Shershin
Richard Levine
Stanley Merritt
Joan Freeman
Katherine Espinosa

- CAPI updates and related projects
 - CAPI is now scheduled to start approximately in September. In the meantime, background resources are being provided. Susan will share that information with the entire group for whomever is interested.
 - Fleet inventory - Thank you to Richard and Kristen for all of the work on this to date! Richard did further work on MPG, difficult to pin down these specs due to vehicle models, use, etc. The most current version of the spreadsheet is uploaded to our PE2 folder. This will continue to evolve. Will need to drill down on which vehicles can be slated for upgrade based on purpose and use. This information is best obtained department by department. Kristen will facilitate connection to correct departments, ideally a quick meeting will suffice. She will reach out to auto dept. to start. Richard will continue to be the primary Task Force contact for this project. For certification we will need function, class i.e. light/medium/heavy duty. Doing this process will also help identify the correct questions to ask. Related issues: consider sharing of vehicles where feasible; could need charging stations.

- Solar for All Campaign update
 - “Scoping Document” scheduled for 8/12: Susan, Ann, Danielle Salisbury
 - Resolution: Ann is aiming for 8/19 Board meeting - Susan will invite Danielle

- CAC-related updates
 - Susan reported that the RFP is nearly done for the Natural Resources Inventory/Open Space Plan consultant.
Questions: what is timeline for NRI completion, how will it be referenced by the Comp plan? The following is a direct quotation from the draft RFP:
ANTICIPATED TIMELINE: The Town would like to have a preliminary draft of the NRI completed in the first half of 2021; and a final draft of the NRI and OSP completed by the end of 2021. The final draft will be presented to the Town Board for possible adoption as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

- Pollinator Pathway: Susan notified PP that we want to join officially. After studying the toolkit it is apparent that gathering a steering committee of stakeholders is the place to start, followed by development of a target pathway map. She started a list of possible collaborators and asked for suggestions. She will compose an invitation to send to these groups/individuals. This includes local beekeeping, Susan and Joan both have friends involved in this who may be able to guide us. Adams and Overcreek Farm have periodic seminars on beekeeping and may be helpful. Colleges, districts, etc. added to list of possibles. Katherine will investigate contact for DCC. CAC is sponsoring a public event with Waterman Bird Club on 8/31, topic is gardening for pollinators. Good time to announce.
- Vassar College intern opportunity - Michelle and Susan met with Mary Ann Cunningham from Vassar College. Environmental Science/mapping students interested in projects - they feel Pathway is an ideal fit - they might be able to participate in the mapping and Susan will go back with this suggestion. Since Vassar Cooperative is already on board there is a great network with the college on this front, Peach Hill group leaders are also there.
- Public messaging
 - Facebook page is up and running. Please like, follow, share.
Add our FB link to the web page (Susan), brochure (Beverly)
Ask Beverly if the library is able to share our page
Contact Yvonne (comp plan consultant) to see if they can link (Susan)
 - Brochure: Beverly Santero has been revising and asked for new word clouds, which Kristen provided. We need photos - the consensus was that generic photos are fine since location won't be clear in any case (i.e. EV charger, solar array, etc.)
- CCA update
 - Susan was contacted by Jeff Domanski who spoke with this group previously. Second and third aggregations to launch, opportunity to join. Susan mentioned that there was discussion/support of CCA in the audience for the public comp plan meeting. She would like for our group to reach a strong consensus one way or the other before any further steps. Some of our task force members, while feeling generally positive about this, would like an opportunity to speak directly with others (perhaps people they know) in towns that are already involved for first-hand, anecdotal impressions of the process. Susan will ask Jeff to provide a list of towns that are up and running or in the process of joining. If we decide to proceed based on those discussions, Ann suggested the best approach would be to start with a smaller meeting with the Supervisor.

Next meeting: September 3, 2020 at 7 pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht