

Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting

Notes

January 16, 2020;

5:30 – 7pm. North East Town Hall

Present: Kathy Chow, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman, Chris Kennan, Matt Hartzog, Tom Parrett,

Absent: Jennifer Dowley

Minutes from 12.19.19 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Updates:

PE 6.9 Andrew reported that the pedestrian plan does not address CSC complete streets. Spoke with Emily Dozier who worked on the pedestrian plan who pointed to Fishkill and Beacon plans which can be templates. Andrew is confident he can write a policy based on existing models. He will also review the comprehensive plan and links on the action

PE 6.11 Andrew reported on EV charging stations. Talked to Hillsdale and researched appropriate chargers. WIP plan is a level two charger from Lillypad \$6200. Jennings would install. They can advise on location. It needs to connect to a metered panel e.g. fire house on Century Boulevard. Installation depends on complexity (for example \$11,000). Chris noted the advantage of putting it close to the middle so vehicle owners patronize village businesses.

Tom is spearheading a study initiative for a critical masterplan for village parking which would include the EV charger.

PE 5 Eliot reported the bear proof composting bin has been installed in the parking lot of the supermarket. She will make a sign explaining how to open and use. TBD if a bags receptacle is realistic.

PE 3.21 Eliot will distribute four McEnroe composting bins in Town / Village Halls and Highway Departments and educate staff on their use.

PE 6.1 Chris- will point out alignments in Comprehensive Plan and the CSC action items.

PE 1 He reported that a green team will be set up at the February 13 town board meeting. Will work with Chow on remaining other set up tasks.

HVA update. Resiliency: HVA Amanda's Dropbox for policies and procedures now contains all the documents she has found to date.

PE 7.3 Chris and Matt will look for other documents marked 'NO' and upload them to the Dropbox. They will check with various town ex officials and Bill Kish. Note Chris will be working on an emergency plan to be finished by month end.

?? Matt reported that the village got a WIA grant for water improvement. It will pay for meters, shut off valves, and to repaint the water tower. Hmmm -This might qualify for a CSC action.??

PE 5.9 Tom reported that Townscape is buying two double recycle bins for \$1800 each. Bins will be installed by Earth Day. Tom presented the complete plan for final approval to the Village Board including design, construction and pad details. The Village emphasized no risk / expense. The Welch fee to pick up is \$38 a month to be paid by Townscape / MBA. TBD how often they will be emptied. Cole will continue to collect from existing village trash cans. The two locations are at Veterans Park (exact location TBD) and at the rail trail replacing an existing can. Future locations were discussed including near the composting toilets.

PE 9 Tom met with MBA. Presented ideas for Earth Day e.g. water bottles to be filled by local businesses, reusable shopping bags possibly printed by T-shirt farm. Jeanne is taking a lead role in coordinating Townscape Earth Day activities.

PE 9 Tom reported that The Rail Trail will get a destination educational installation called Bridge to Nature. Exhibitions about nature and science and local environment. Interactive and online. A state parks department grant is funding the program which Tom will be designing. Partners include local heavy hitters such as HVA, Cary, and Cornell. Rail trail paving will be complete by spring and open for fall which includes guard rails etc.

Chow reported on a PACE Building the Infrastructure for our Sustainable Future Conference. Notes are in Dropbox. Presentations are at this link.

<https://law.pace.edu/conference-materials-2019-0>

Choice Words did a comprehensive talk on grant money: where it is and form for what. PDF is in the Dropbox and here:

https://law.pace.edu/sites/default/files/LULC/Conference_2019/Finance%20-%20Densmore%20.pdf

Climate Change Flooding is a major concern of New York State but generally about coastal communities. Our flooding is from wetlands and rivers. Note that 40% of flood damage occurs outside of FEMA maps. Wind is a local concern - a

compromised roof damages the entire structure. Flood insurance: the community rating system can save homeowners flood insurance dollars

<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>

PE 9 Jennifer's public outreach and engagement plan was well received.

Additional ideas:

- Leverage the Rail Trail Ride - 1000 people stream into town. Theme to be determined. EG. public education could center on Webutuk Creek.
- Engage local Instagramers for example Rebecca Dean, Eliot, Dianne Engleke
- Make a sign for composting toilets explaining how they function.
- Highlight 'Bridge to Nature' (above)

See the Saugerties and Dover Climate Smart Community pages.

Gold standard for public outreach.

<http://www.climatesmartsaugerties.org>

<https://townofdoverny.us/ClimateSmart.cfm>

PE 6 Diane Engleke is awaiting response on Hudsonia Biodiversity proposal

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting will be rescheduled. Stay Tuned.

Addendum:

We are getting closer to our contract getting signed which will enable us to start uploading for points. John Wimbush of the DEC is concerned with our 3 first actions so they take priority. Work Plan was approved 2/13. He explained that the contract is between the DEC and Town. Village coordination is our job.

There is a new version of the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification Action Checklist - Version 3.6 (Jan. 3, 2020)

https://climatesmart.ny.gov/fileadmin/csc/documents/Action_Checklist/CSCC-ActionChecklist-1-3-2020.pdf

HVA Amanda's Dropbox for Policies and Procedures:

Note: 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 don't apply to us.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/phhq4k6oy140sxm/AADWOH0mrtKsWr47-oWgk963a?dl=0>



Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting Notes February 24, 2020; 6:30 – 8pm. Village Hall

Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Andrew Stayman.

Absent: Eliot Ramos,

Minutes from 1.16.20 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Chow: work still to be done to finalize our contract with DEC.

PE7-7.1 Chris: HVA report on Road Stream Crossing is due on the 25th & will be available in Chris' office. CSC Task Force members are asked to take a look at it. Chris will put it on the agenda of the 3.12 Town Board meeting following which will be a gathering of stakeholders and Green Team members to review the priorities for ultimate presentation to the Town and Village boards for formal acceptance. Matt to put it on the March 16th Village Board agenda. Important to have an executive summary.

Chris: is going to appoint Town/Village Green Team with Debbie.

PE 6.9 Andrew drafted an adaptation of existing Complete Street Policies for Millerton. To be edited by Chow & Chris to align with the Comprehensive Plan. Hope to bring it to April Board meetings.

PE6.1 Chris is writing a memo on each of 12 items regarding our Comp Plan's sustainability elements. He invited others' comments & additions ASAP. Tom agreed to help.

Social Media: Thorunn will create pages for Earth Day activities on the MBA website that can link to Town and Village's Website.

The CAC has a Facebook page that Tom will use to add information on Climate Smart activities.

PE9.1 Earth Day Jennifer outlined schedule. Chow designed a sticker for volunteers to wear to guide public. Chow showed draft of recycling brochure (what and where). Thorunn will design and have ready on Earth Day. Andrew will buy 50 tree seedlings for giveaway & will refer people to Agway for in-house compost containers.

PE5. Tom – Townscape has ordered recycling bins to be installed in 6-8 weeks. He is researching a fabric recycling box in addition.

PE6.11 Andrew is researching EV Charging station vendors. Will ask electrician to walk through village to identify possible locations, Salisbury Bank being among the top choices.

Matt: reported that there will be solar powered street crossing lights secured by the Village for the Rail Trail, Moviehouse, Beilke Road/Rail Trail.

He also reported that LED streetlights would save \$5000 per year for the Village. The question remains should the Village install LED lights or wait until Central Hudson does?

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes March 19, 2020; 6:30– 8pm. Via Zoom

Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman.

Minutes from 2.20.20 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Chow: work still to be done to finalize our contract with DEC. We're ALMOST there. She has uploaded the work plan. Green House Gas inventory is a technical project handled mostly by consultant using very little staff time. Waiting to issue RFP after contract is signed.

PE7-7.1 Chris: 2 copies of the HVA report on Road Stream Crossing are here. Bob Stevens has one and Chris will be sure that Cole gets a copy. Amanda from HVA will provide a workshop to review the report and develop a list of the 5-10 priority projects. It was agreed that Bob, Cole and Josh Schultz are the ones to attend that and recommend the priorities. The Village board meeting was cancelled so it was not presented on March 16.

PE 6.9 Andrew drafted an adaptation of existing Complete Street Policies for Millerton. It is being reviewed by Chris to align with the Comprehensive Plan. Chris does not think it needs to be reviewed by the atty. He will send revisions to Andrew who will then send it to Matt for Village review. Hope to bring it to April Board meetings.

PE6.11 Andrew consulted with Brad Barclay, Dutchess CSC Senior Planner, who advised that EV Charging stations be located on municipal property. Two sites are identified: Century Blvd & Dutchess and Century Blvd by telephone company. Chris & Andrew to visit sites the next day to select. Application for \$ is due May 29 for Village. Problem is can Village go sole source? Given tight Village budget, perhaps we can find a donor to match state \$.

PE6.1 Chris is writing a memo on each of 12 items regarding our Comp Plan's sustainability elements. He's made progress. Will have draft in 2 weeks.

Social Media: The CAC has a Facebook page that Tom will use to add information on Climate Smart activities.

PE5. Tom – The recycling bins have arrived and are in Herrington's yard awaiting installation. Jeanne Vanecko will send someone to prepare the site and Herrington's will install in the next few weeks. Where will existing bins go? He is in touch with a nonprofit in NYC that is looking to collect fabric for recycling to make into other material. Will wait until after the virus is over.

PE5. Chow & Eliot are assembling a brochure about what, where and when to recycle all manner of goods. Ready for Earth Day.

PE5. Eliot will install a sign at the compost bin in the Trotta plaza. Still looking for someone to pick up compost to take to McEnroe's.

PE3. Matt will review Ancram article about LED lights. Plan is to install them and repay the loan using annual utility costs. After loan paid off, Village will save \$5000 per year.

PE9.1 Jennifer discussed Earth Day and the coronavirus. The group unanimously agreed that we needed to cancel all in person activities for the Village. We will switch to a virtual presence. Chow, Tom and Jennifer to work on that. Andrew has purchased 75 birch seedlings for giveaway will rethink ways of doing this. Good news is that a great plan for Earth Day 2021 is already in place. Social Media: Thorunn will create pages for Earth Day activities on the MBA website that can link to Town and Village's Website.

Next Zoom meeting: April 2, 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes April 2, 2020; 5:30– 6:15pm. Via Zoom

Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Chris Kennan, Andrew Stayman.

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos

P 9 Chow outlined the online version of Millerton's Earth Day. Suggestions were made to be sure to acknowledge the pandemic on the landing page.

PE7-7.1 Chris: gave a copy of the HVA report on Road Stream Crossing to Cole Lawrence (Village Highway Dept). He was unaware of the work. Chris will give Bob's copy to Josh to review. Amanda (HVA) will schedule a virtual meeting with Cole, Bob Stevens, Josh (and CSC Task Force) to review priorities - as soon as Cole and Josh are up to speed.

Chris stated that State deadlines are being delayed given the impact of the Coronavirus and that we may have a little more time to get feedback to HVA.

Chow and Jennifer will draft an invitation for Chris to send to Town and Village staff to join the Green Team. This will describe what is intended and expected.

PE 6.9 Andrew drafted an adaptation of existing Complete Street Policies for North East and for Millerton. It is being reviewed by Chris to align with the Comprehensive Plan. Hope to bring it to April Board meetings.

PE6.11 Andrew sent a quote for a charging station to Chris. It is a little over \$16,000. If North East/Millerton is a member of Sourcewell, we can go sole source to an already approved vendor. Andrew is looking into a DEC grant proposal through CFA once the portal opens. He mentioned that ChargePoint is the network we would be joining and it charges an annual usage fee of \$560 or \$2210 for 5 years. (\$442/yr). There is also a \$325 turn on fee which is waived with the 5yr contract. Chris needs all financials laid out in order to evaluate. Hillsdale has a deal from way back (so not our model) with a grant that makes service to customers free for 2 years. Hillsdale and Rhinebeck will both charge customers after 2 years.

Chris got a call from Fidora Meyer (sp?) saying she'd like to volunteer. She's new to town, a teacher and knows about CSC Task Forces! Chris will learn more. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes April 16, 2020; 5:30–7pm. Via Zoom

All Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman.



Minutes from 4.2.20 meeting were reviewed & unanimously approved

PE3. Matt will review Ancram article about LED lights and bring the idea to the Village Board on Monday April 20th. Plan is to install them and repay the loan using annual utility costs. After loan paid off, Village will save \$5000 per year.

Matt also stated that the Village is looking for new vehicles. This is an opportunity to support the purchase of an alternative fuel vehicle. He also stated that he would check with Chris and Debbie to facilitate asking Cole & Josh to join the Green Team.

PE 6.9 Chris will bring Complete Street Policies to Town Board meeting tonight.

PE6.11 Andrew laid out a plan for an EV charger Level II for 2 cars to be sited on Century Blvd near the driveway to the back of the Millerton Inn. The Village will have to submit an application for funding. Matt will present a one-page description of the project to the Board on April 20th to secure its interest in having us proceed. If the application is successful, the State will fund 80% of the costs to be matched by local funds. Given the tight Village budget, this will have to be provided by individual donors. The cost for the equipment, installation, insurance and use will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 but the figures are not final yet. Lillypad is the vendor. The Village, as owner of the EVCharger, will set the fees for its use and will recoup all the electric costs by virtue of what the customers pay. The grant deadline is May 29th.

PE7-7.1 Matt will follow up with Cole Lawrence & Josh Schultz at the Village with the HVA report on Road Stream Crossing. They are to review priorities with Amanda (HVA) and Bob Stevens (Town).

PE 9 Kathy Chow outlined the online version of Millerton's Earth Day. The site is to launch April 20th.

PE5. Eliot reported that McEnroe's will not pick up the compost. The Village hasn't responded either. She will recommend other solutions.

PE 5 Tom reported that the door on the new recycle bins is incorrect. The plan is to install them and have the company fix the problem then.

Kathy and Jennifer reported on their meeting with various other Climate Smart towns, most recently with Vanessa Bertozzi from Rhinebeck. We are seeking ideas so that we can focus our efforts effectively going forward.

Kathy reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours on the task force. They have a value that we can apply to matching grants that we receive! She also reported that our end of the contract with DEC is complete. We await official approval expected in 6 weeks.

Next meeting: May 21 at 5:30 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes May 21, 2020; 5:30–7pm.

Via Zoom



Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman.

Absent: Matt Hartzog

Minutes from 4.16.20 meeting were reviewed & unanimously approved

PE 6 Chow described the application for the EV Charging station. The Village approved the application which is due May 29th. 9 Century Blvd is the location. The Task Force will help raise the matching funds so that there is no financial impact on the Village. We were advised that applications were still being accepted but funding decisions were on hold. It is uncertain if funding will be available given the COVID emergency but we are applying in hope that there is.

PE 1 Chris described his idea of the Green Team...something that is flexible and involves people on an as needed/appropriate basis. To include: Josh, Bob Cole, Lorna and possibly others as projects emerge. It was recommended that the Green Team be introduced to ideas and possibilities so that they would initiate projects and become more proactive in supporting them.

Matt will review list of future procurements for the Village Board. There's a potential police car that needs purchasing in the future.

Chris will send Chow the list of equipment on the Town's list for procurement and will make a presentation to the CSC Task Force on the upcoming Town garage and its solar potential. Chris has asked that the engineers develop plans for the highway garage that includes solar.

Andrew and Eliot will review the details of the existing Village solar array in order to determine the points the CSC will get for it.

PE 6.9 Next step for Complete Streets is for Village Board to adopt their own policy. Andrew will bring Complete Street Policies as passed by the Town to Village Board via Matt for discussion at the June 17 meeting.

PE7-7.1 HVA report on Road Stream Crossing will not be reviewed again until the fall of 2020.

PE 9 Chow suggested that the Millerton Earth Day site be modified to keep it current. Tom, Jennifer and Chow will meet off line to begin to discuss an independent CSC website. Eliot agreed to oversee and launch a Millerton CSC Instagram account.

PE5. It was decided to drop the food compost plan except for the Town/Village offices collection of food scraps. Eliot will follow up with them once they are open to the public again.

Chow: RFP for the Greenhouse Gas inventory is awaiting comments from DEC - the last step before it can be issued.

Jennifer will review details of the action item re: farmers markets and see how the Millerton Farmers Market aligns.

Kathy reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours on the task force. They have a value that we can apply to matching grants that we receive! She also reported that our end of the contract with DEC is complete. We await official approval expected in 3 weeks.

Next meeting: June 18 at 5:30 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes June 18, 2020; 5:30–7pm.

Via Zoom



All Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman.

Guest: Amanda Cabanillas, HVA

Minutes from 5.21.20 meeting were reviewed & unanimously approved

PE 7-7.1 Amanda explained that HVA's RS Xing work is primarily focused on vulnerability to flooding. They use trout and bog turtles as standard indicators for general wildlife health. They are focusing their work on the priorities set at the last meeting.

Tom talked about the "Bridge to Nature" project of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail to be located on the first bridge across the Webutuck Creek north of the Village. There will be several kiosks with information on multiple aspects of nature (air, birds, trees, watershed). There will be instruments to measure water flow and internet connections with QR codes. The audience is a general one of all ages. NYS Parks Dept has final approval. He expects fabrication in 2021 and installation in the spring.

HVRT construction begins next week. Drawings of possible plans for the site in the Village were shown. JD will contact HVRT to ascertain final plans for Village crossing.

Chris: Salt shed construction will be complete this summer. An RFP will be issued soon for drawings for the Highway Garage which has a great south facing roof making it ideal for solar panels. The engineers will be asked to include solar in their work. Opportunity for a grant. Other buildings have minimal electrical need and will be using LED lighting. JD will check previous CFA guidelines to see if a grant application might be possible.

PE 4. Andrew & Eliot reported that the existing solar array has 6 panels and generates 50,000kWh that powers most of the cost of running water from the pump up to the tower. Selectria installed the project and is in the process of fixing it. To get points for this, we need a sign on the fence by the array and to document the public announcement of what this project does. Plan to make sign, arrange for article in Millerton News and add to Instagram.

Andrew proposed draft sign language:

"This Solar Array was installed on _____, 20XX. It can generate up to 50kw of energy. The electricity produced by this array powers the Village Of Millerton's x water pumps that each generate xx horsepower. The pumps pump x gallons of water a day into the water tower and the Solar array saves the Village of Millerton approximately x dollars a month in electricity costs."

On the final sign dollar savings will be omitted so it won't need to be updated.

PE 6 Andrew met with Central Hudson re EVCharging Station. We now have an order # so are ready to go if the grant is awarded.

PE 1 Chris and Debbie are the ones to initiate projects and will work with respective staff to bring Green Team into play project by project. Matt will review list of future procurements for the Village Board. There's a potential police car that needs purchasing in the future.

Chris will send Chow the list of equipment on the Town's list for procurement. Matt will do the same for the Village.

PE 6.9 Andrew has given Complete Street Policies as passed by the Town to Matt for Village Board. They will review and modify for the Village and bring it to the Board for approval.

PE 2 Chow: RFP for the Greenhouse Gas inventory has been approved by DEC and is ready for the Town to issue. Will talk to Chris.

Kathy reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours on the task force. They have a value that we can apply to matching grants that we receive! She also reported that our end of the contract with DEC is complete. We await official approval expected soon.

Next meeting: July 16 at 5:30 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes July 16, 2020; 5:30–6:30pm. Via Zoom

Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Andrew Stayman.

Absent: Elliott Ramos

Guest: Rich Stalzer

Chow introduced Rich Stalzer who is moving full time to Millerton. He has a long professional history working with the New York Public Library in IT. We plan to ask the Town and Village boards to add him to our Task Force if he is interested. In addition, Laurie Kerr, a resident with a long history in NYC with LEED programs will meet with Chris and Chow to ascertain her interest in serving as an advisor on the design of the Maintenance garage.

Chris provided a procurement list of vehicles/equipment for the Town over the next 17 years. There is a request to add a new pickup truck to the fleet in 2022. Other equipment is large scale. Matt introduced a press release from the Governor announcing major financial investment in EVs and infrastructure. We'll put this on our watch list. Suggestion was made to wire Maintenance garage for EVs to prepare for future.

Matt will provide Village's procurement list.

HVA will meet with Chris & Chow next week to look at various stream/river projects for which funding might be procured. One area of focus is Webutuck Creek as it turns on South Center Street.

PE 4. Andrew will send Chris language for sign on the solar park for review.

PE 6.1 Review of Comprehensive Plan. Chris is half done with this project. He'll find his work and send to Chow/JD for completion.

PE 6.9 Andrew will resend Complete Street Policies as passed by the Town to Matt for Village Board. Matt will review and modify for the Village and bring it to the Board for approval.

PE 2 RFP for the Greenhouse Gas inventory has been approved by DEC and is ready for the Town to issue. Chow will complete and send to Chris.

PE3 LED lights for Village lights. Once lights are changed to LED, Village will save over \$3000 a year in costs now paid to Central Hudson. Issues are that Central Hudson now owns & maintains the lights and while CH would own the poles and the Village would own the lights and fixtures. Matt will check to see if the no interest financing is still available from NY State for the purchase and installation of LED lights.

PE3 Farmers Market. Jennifer reported that in order for our Farmers Market to qualify for points, it needed to show financial or other significant support from the Town or the Village. The Town will not award more money to NECC for running the market but perhaps if both the Town and Village websites helped to publicize it, that would suffice. The Market sits on land owned by the Church, not the Village.

PE9 Public Information. Instagram account is up and running. Please everyone send Chow photos for the site and Eliot will post them.

A discussion of the website began. Rich graciously agreed to help build it and raised questions about who was the ultimate authority for the site...Town? Village? Undecided but to be continued. An editorial committee was set up to help with the site: Chow, Rich, Tom and Jennifer. They will meet on July 23rd.

Next meeting: August 16 at 5:30 via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

August, 2020; 5:30–6:30pm. Via Zoom



Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Andrew Stayman, Rich Stalzer.

Absent: Elliott Ramos

Guest: Laurie Kerr

The minutes of 6.18.20 and 7.16.20 were approved.

Chow introduced Laurie Kerr, an architect who is interested in green buildings and green policies who lives in the Village. She has worked on green policies for NYC and the NRDC among others.

Chris and Chow met with HVA staff to review projects that HVA would like to study and analyze. They include: Webutuck Creek 90 degree turn at South Center St; the Village/County parking lot for HVRT on So Center Street; Water department addendums to current water tower, meter and hydrant projects; water bottle filling stations at existing spigots at the former gazebo site and Veterans Park; parking on Century Blvd; Mill Street under the HVRT bridge; Wakeman Lane culvert. HVA will submit a proposal for funding to study these.

Chris will investigate the possibility of the Town organizing a pick-up of specific hazardous waste materials (electronics only) to take to the County's Hazardous Waste Disposal site this fall.

PE 4. Andrew is trying to reach former Village board member Yosh to learn more about the solar array. He will contact the Village to find original paperwork and send information to Chow who will design and pay for the sign for the fence after securing Village approval.

PE 6.1 Jennifer and Chow will work together to complete the analysis of the Comprehensive Plan for its sustainability elements

PE 2. GHG inventory RFP is ready to be issued after the Town Board reviews it at its September meeting. Laurie Kerr has agreed to read it as well as review Dover's report. Unfortunately, the Town can't sign a contract to do this work until our own contract for CSC is signed by the State.

PE9 Public Information: Rich, Tom and Chow are working on a site map for the website. It hopes to be up by Earth Day 2021.

Task Force: Jennifer will ask Rhiannon Leo Jameson of the Library if she'd care to join our work. Tom will ask Bill Kish the same. It was suggested that the Task Force have one-year terms so that the Coordinator could renew the invitation every January for its members and also allow members who could no longer attend meetings or had the time, could step off.

Next meeting: September 17, 2020



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes September 17, 2020; 5:30–6:30pm. Via Zoom

Present: Kathy Chow, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Tom Parrett, Elliott Ramos, Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Andrew Stayman. Rich Stalzer,
Absent: Jennifer Dowley, Laurie Kerr

Guest: Claire Owens

The minutes of 8_20_20 were approved.

Chow welcomed new member Rhiannon Leo-Jameson. Chris will officially appoint her to the task force next town meeting.

Chow welcomed Claire Owens - she is interested in Climate Change and helping out.

Chris said the GHG RFP is ready to issue but will wait for DEC grant Contract to be signed.

Chow explained that certain GHG tasks are entered on Climate Smart Resiliency Planning (PE7 - which is an add'l 6 points)

Chris announced the Town (not Village) will do bulk trash day with electronic recycling (but no hazardous waste). He wants a big event so that fees will cover the cost of containers. Metal is desirable as there is a market for recycling. Chow will reserve for the Poughkeepsie recycle event as soon as sign-up opens. Andrew will create a flyer and newspaper article and will circulate widely to social media and websites: town, Village, library, Chris's email, etc. Chris and Andrew will work out details of the price structure.

Chow reported on August 21 meeting with Jennifer, Vanessa Barzotti of Rhinebeck CSC and Paige Ruane of Boat Builders. They have a grant to help 4 to 6 municipalities work on CSC actions. Hopefully we will be chosen for this pilot program.

DISCUSSION: GOALS for CSC:

Chow initiated a discussion of town goals for CSC versus just chasing points saying the comprehensive plan is a good place to start. Members weighed in on priorities.

Chris: The Comp Plan introduction lays out the priority focuses: zoning review, economic development, housing, reinstating the ag advisory council

Matt: carbon farming. Didi Barrett is championing a pilot program of tax credits with Cornell Extension/Abby Rockefeller to help farms transition to regenerative practices.

Eliot: energy reduction. Referred to an online carbon footprint calculator.

Andrew: more residents are moving to town. Can the infrastructure handle it? Can we limit the negative impacts e.g. with composting? Chris commented yes, population is growing but mainly from weekenders becoming full timers. Eliot quoted a statistic that a third of north east houses are unoccupied

Tom: revive the recycling committee within Townscape. There's more we can do.

Tom: Goal to convert fossil fuel consumption to renewables. All machines even lawnmowers should be electric...Rich had spoken with Tim Conrad of Sustainable Hudson Valley. Will ask about his presentation of a conversion to 100% electric

Andrew: Recommended the documentary Juice on Amazon Prime about powering a country.

Matt: Energy: Shepherds Run is the proposed 900-acre 60kw Copake Solar installation. The town is debating. Current law allows 10 acres of solar. Developer Hecate has a zoom every Wednesday at 10 AM. (Not well attended). They highlight they will do pollinator plantings. Matt explained that wind power is actually more productive in this area than solar (which is only .3%). Governor has a new plan. Newburgh gas plant is not dead - currently in review.

Chris: is concerned about gaps in broadband. Pine Plains and Ancram are focusing in. There is a zoom meeting Monday 9 AM with Ancram.

Chris: There is a Tri-town Coalition zoom meeting September 22 at 5:30 regarding the impact of Covid on housing.

Andrew: educate about available energy audits. Rhiannon reported that the library did a NYSERDA audit which was very successful and subsequently did upgrades. Claire did the NYSERDA homeowners audit. They provided documentation that upgrades are capital improvements for tax purposes.

Rich changed to community solar. He recommends sustainable Hudson.

DIGITAL:

Rich described website progress. Articulating personas. Content will be tailored to their concerns and sustainability appetites. Tom described the process and generation of content. Some re-purposed from Earth Day, some to be created by task force and community. Chow: site will be built by Rich but set up professionally. We have a proposal from Joe Villanova at . Approximately \$1000 for set up and \$500 annually for maintenance.

Rich described what's involved with maintenance. General feeling is this is a good plan.

Chow: we will pass the hat to fund this. Chris will consider if there are pots of money that might apply.

Rhiannon will be tapped to run social media: Facebook/Instagram. Eliot's test drive Instagram will migrate to a new business account. Rich: Instagram will largely be re-posts about sustainability. We will not generate original content as much as reference interesting and timely information.

Claire generously offered to weigh in on social media. She does this for a living.

Task force will contribute content which will be metered out based on seasonality and timeliness.

Committee will be formed of Rhiannon Rich Chris Chow to make a formal plan for digital. To be scheduled next week.

Jennifer will present expectations of task force next meeting.

Next meeting: October 15 at 5:30 via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes October 15, 2020; 5:30–6:30pm. Via Zoom

Present: Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Chris Kennan, Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Andrew Stayman. Rich Stalzer.

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Laurie Kerr, Tom Parrett, Elliott Ramos.

PE9 – Rhiannon and Rich have volunteered to lead CSC Social Media with assistance as needed from Chris and Chow. We will start with Facebook and Instagram (migrating the existing Instagram). Rich stated that he had established **millertonclimatesmart@gmail.com** as our official address and has renamed our Instagram account accordingly. They are setting up a Facebook page and reserved **millertonclimatesmart.org**. The mailing address for the CSC will be Town hall. Task Force members are encouraged to contribute posts. Rhiannon will program the posts to be timely, seasonally relevant, and compelling. The gmail address is the best way to deliver content to R&R.

Rich and Chow stated that we needed to raise \$1700 to launch our website (\$1200 for a consultant's work to set it up and \$500 for the first year to monitor and secure our back up). \$800 has been raised so far. Chris has some donors in mind. Other committee members pledged their support.

Expectations of Task Force members: Jennifer shared a draft of "expectations" for Task Force members given our current recruiting effort. The group asked that language be added to broaden the CSC's work to include things beyond seeking points from NYS and to articulate its relationship to the Conservation Advisory Commission.

PE5 Bulk Trash day and electronic hazardous waste recycling is scheduled for October 17th. Chris, Andrew, Rich and Chow will be there to direct traffic and collect fees. Chow will take electronics to the County waste disposal site the following weekend.

PE9.1 Earth Day 2021 Jennifer asked the question of what would everyone like to see for April 24, 2021. Outdoor event with tables/vendors around the Village was put forward. A focus on agriculture/farming; promote CSA's; info on carbon sequestration; composting. Partner with McEnroe's. Connect with NECC and merchants soon.

Chow will ask Matt to inquire through Didi Barrett's office about the status of our contract with DEC. Our work cannot proceed further with HVA or the greenhouse gas emissions inventory study without the contract.

Andrew agreed to assist in proper submission procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Climate Smart Community Task Force Meeting Notes November 19, 2020;

5:30–6:45 pm Via Zoom



Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Matt Hartzog, Chris Kennan, Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Tom Parrett, Andrew Stayman, Rich Stalzer.

Absent: Laurie Kerr, Eliot Ramos

The minutes of 9_17_20 and 10_15_20 were approved.

Jennifer and Chow described two new opportunities for the Task Force. Lifeboats HV, an initiative of the New World Foundation is launching a pilot program to support Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinators. Chow will apply by mid December. It will be a competitive process, the results of which will be known in mid January. If Chow is selected, the Town as our lead agency will receive a grant of \$8000 which is intended to support the participation of the volunteer Task Force Coordinator. It will go into an account in the Town for future CSC projects.

The second opportunity came from the Hudson Valley Regional Council's newly hired Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, Anilla Cherian. She is encouraging us to sign up immediately to be a Clean Energy Community. This is a NYSERDA program that dovetails with Climate Smart. NYSERDA will be opening its grants portal soon and if we can qualify, we'll be eligible for grants. Anilla will help and guide us in this effort. Jennifer will take the lead here. https://climatesmart.ny.gov/fileadmin/csc/documents/CEC_CSC_Crosswalk/CEC-CSC-Crosswalk-Jan2020.pdf

Chris reported on the success of Bulk Trash Day & electronics recycling on October 17. Two pick ups (Chow's and Rob Cooper's) drove recyclable electronics to Poughkeepsie. Other trash (regular and metal) filled nearly 4 dumpsters. The bill from Welsh totaled \$1900, charged by a combination of trucking and weight. Cash intake was \$1600...slight loss. No \$ from metal.

Chris outlined lessons learned: better pricing next time in order to break even; good marketing and so steady stream of customers. Future possibilities: maybe a pick up for tires. Next time: spring 2021- ideally 1 week before Dutchess Co Hazardous Waste Day.

PE 7-7.1 The Town and Village will announce the availability of the draft Road Streams crossing study for public review. The document is at the Library. Comments will be due to Amanda at HVA by December 15th. The Mill Street Bridge in the Village has been flagged – meaning it needs urgent repair. There are opportunities here to collaborate with the water treatment project as this area plays a role in access to the site of the septic fields.

Highway Garage: Chris reported that CPL Engineering is finalizing drawings and including green opportunities including solar panels on the roof.

Task Force Expectations: Jennifer presented a revised draft. Approved with the inclusion of “stakeholders” in addition to “residents and officials” of who could be on the Task Force.

Matt reported on Didi Barrett’s pilot program of sample farms doing regenerative farming. A modest amount of funding was made available for this. Chris stated that he is going to appoint an Agriculture Committee for the Town.

PE 9 Tom reported that the website is proceeding well. It has a good conceptual framework. The goal is to make it conversational not technical, good quality and not expensive. He asked for volunteers to write up content. Jennifer, Rhiannon, Andrew & Chris volunteered.

PE9 Rhiannon is activating our Facebook page. Send her ideas for content.
millertonclimatesmart@gmail.com, cc. rleo@nemillertonlibrary.org

PE9.1 Earth Day is April 24th, 2021. The M Biz Alliance, NECC and the Library are all partners. Herrington’s will participate in some manner. McEnroe’s too. Focus on farming/composting – maybe tours to local farms. Tom will develop something to feature EVs. Plan is to have in person events in the Village and farms as well as virtual.

PE3 LED lighting. Matt says that Central Hudson owns the light poles.

Next meeting: December 17, 2020; 5:30-6:30.

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes December 17, 2020;

5:30–6:45 pm Via Zoom



Present: Kathy Chow, Jennifer Dowley, Chris Kennan, Laurie Kerr, Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, Claire Owens, Tom Parrett, Eliot Ramos, Andrew Stayman, Rich Stalzer.

Absent: Matt Hartzog,

The minutes of 11_19_20 were approved.

Chris welcomed Claire Owens to the Task Force

Chris discussed the Highway Garage and its progress. With Laurie's and Chow's help, they are exploring concrete with a lower carbon content as well as solar with the hope of making the building carbon neutral.

NYSERDA: Jennifer is pursuing a number of projects that could get us certified as a Clean Energy Community. We're looking into: Benchmarking electrical use in municipal buildings; changing Village Street lights to LED; Energy Code Training; use of a NYS Unified Solar Permit; and Community Choice Aggregation. Tom is helping on last one. Laurie is helping on LED and Benchmarking.

PE9 Website: Rich stated that they have a developer who will be paid to start the set up. Tom is assigning pieces to Task Force members to write. Our website address is millertonclimatesmart.org.

PE9 Social media: Rhiannon is active now on our Facebook page and Instagram. Please send her ideas and photos. Claire will help with other Millerton Facebook pages. Jennifer will send her NYSERDA's free energy audit information as well as information about a program that provides assistance to residents and businesses for improved energy efficiency from the Energy Improvement Corporation. Both are options for website as well as social media.

PE9 Earth Day: April 24, 2021 Jennifer reported that the international Earth Day theme is "Restore Our Earth".

McEnroe's to do open house for their composting; table in Village with at home composter and small pea shoot plants to give away

Chris is organizing a run w Eastern Dutchess Running Club on the newly opened northbound Rail Trail.

Tom is organizing something with regard to Electric Vehicles

Farm tours – Claire helping to organize

Partners: NECC, MBA. Library

PE4 Chow showed a sign to be posted on fence of Village solar array. All agreed

Visit to Welsh's recycling plant in Wingdale postponed until Spring

Local Champions program: Chow submitted application. Will hear in January.

PE7-7.1 Road Stream Crossings: the report is at the Library and no comments that we know of were made. Chris will follow up with Highway Departments and then bring to Board for approval. Jennifer to do press release at that time.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45

Next meeting: January 21, 2021; 5:30-6:30.