VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

ATTENDING: Bill Mancini (Chairman), Warren Applegate, Aileen Leventon

Tara Donadio, Sustainability Planner (CDRPC)

Rich Phillips (VOK Trustee)

Community Members: Ann Birckmayer, Sandra Tolosa,

PESTICIDES: Task Force will recommend that village investigate alternative solutions to pesticides. T. Donadio will forward information re/integrated pest management via Cornell Extension. A. Birckmayer suggests task force communicate data to community re/pesticide use.

STATUS OF AWARDS DISPERSEMENT:

Village can expect formal notification within the next few weeks.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS:

Publicity is out for both the November 14th and December 18th meetings. Task force members encouraged to attend public meetings.

COMPOSTING EDUCATION:

W. Applegate reports working with library to establish composting workshops in April 2020.

GREEN FAIR:

B. Mancini encouraged members to attend November 16th, 2019 at Sage College.

OTHER INIATIVES:

S. Tolosa suggested talking with Hannaford Markets re/reusable bags.

Task Force will publicize sustainability tips via Next Door Kinderhook.

A. Leventon suggested contacting real estate brokers to urge them to publicize Kinderhook sustainability efforts.

Ann Birckmayer suggested village consider a resolution declaring a climate emergency declaration. She will provide a template/wording at a future meeting.

MEATLESS MONDAY INIATIVE:

A. Birckmayer and W. Applegate will meet with library director to schedule events in January 2020.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 7 PM.