

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

ATTENDING:

Bill Mancini (Chair.), Warren Applegate, Ann Birckmayer, Aileen Leventon, Sandra Tolosa, Tara Donadio, Sustainability Planner (CDRPC), Rich Phillips (VOK Trustee), Anthony Dvarskas (Community Member)

STATUS OF CEC AWARD DISBURSEMENT:

Village prepared to seek bids for solar installations when final approval of funding is received from NYSERDA.

STATUS OF TASK FORCE FUNDING:

B. Mancini reports Task Force has expended \$651 of current funding of \$3,000 budgeted. Expenses thus far relate to EVCS usage \$423.75 paid to National Grid, Earth e-recycle fees \$167.76 to E-lot electronics Recycling and advertising in the 2019 Green Fair brochure, \$60; with a remaining balance of \$2,648.

CAPITAL REGION CONSERVATION ROUNDTABLE:

B. Mancini reports that he and W. Applegate attended recent meeting in Guilderland. Both report these meetings are quite worthwhile. A summary of the Village presentation is posted on the Village website.

CCA LOCAL LAW:

B. Mancini noted that a local law was passed at the Board's January meeting to go forward as part of the Capital Region CCA. T. Donadio recommended that Village Board advocate for 100% Green Option within the very brief time period open should Village decide to commit to CCA. She confirmed MEGA will communicate to all village residents and will field all citizen inquires. CCA informational webinars for municipalities (CCA RFPs for Municipalities) announced for 2/25 @12 p.m. and 2/26 @ 6 p.m. B. Mancini will forward link to members who may be interested in attending on either date.

REPAIR CAFÉ UPDATE:

A. Birckmayer reports attending recent Repair Café in Castleton. She will head a subcommittee including B. Mancini, S. Tolosa and W. Applegate and coordinate with Kinderhook Memorial Library to establish a local repair café and a group of volunteers to coordinate program.

CLIMATE CRISIS DRAFT RESOLUTION UPDATE:

B. Mancini reports Village Board is prepared to vote on resolution at next Village Board meeting (Feb. 12). R. Phillips will speak in favor of resolution.

PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES WITH LIBRARY:

Meatless Mondays program has started with good community support. Hannaford has donated ten \$10 gift certificates to be awarded to participants by random drawing. Other prizes in the drawing will include cookbooks donated by the Friends of the Library.

W. Applegate reports three composting workshops are scheduled with the library for mid-April with presenters from Cornell Cooperative Extension. He will request some funding from the Friends of the Library with additional funding coming through the committee's budget.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

W. Applegate is investigating sources for the design and purchase of reusable bags as a partnership between Task Force and Library. Financial support is planned by requesting funding from the Friends of the Library as well as a contribution from the committee's budget.

The possibility of a light bulb exchange at the Farmers' Market in the spring was discussed. B. Mancini will research further.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 7PM in the Village Hall.