

## **VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE MINUTES**

MARCH 10, 2020

### **ATTENDING:**

Bill Mancini (Chair), Ann Birckmayer, Aileen Leventon, Sandra Tolosa, Rich Phillips (VOK Trustee), Astrid Montagano (Community Member)

### **EARTH DAY EVENTS:**

Composting workshops by Cornell Cooperative Extension representatives are scheduled for the weekends before and after Earth Day (April 22). Additionally, A. Birckmeyer is organizing a DASH for TRASH event on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Village Square.

### **STATUS OF TASK FORCE FUNDING:**

B. Mancini reports he has submitted a budget request of \$4,200 for the Task Force in the coming fiscal year. The Board has scheduled a budget workshop on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will attend and asked that the committee offer suggestions for future projects using these funds. He noted the Friends of the Library have pledged \$1,000 for the Library to use on sustainability projects and events. His budget proposal to the Board includes a match of that pledge for the Task Force's ongoing partnership with the Library.

### **MEATLESS MONDAY RAFFLE:**

Meatless Mondays program received good community support. There were eighty-three participants from forty-two households. A drawing will be held later this month and the names posted at the Library. Prizes include gift cards complements of Hannaford and cookbooks complements of the Friends of the Library.

### **CCA:**

B. Mancini noted the recent CCA informational webinar for municipalities (CCA RFPs for Municipalities) was recorded and is available. He has forwarded the link to the committee and encouraged them to share it with other Village residents. It was suggested that additional information may be provided at the Earth Day Library events as well as at the 2020 Farmers' Market. B. Mancini will contact MEGA representative to see if they can provide appropriate materials to distribute at those venues.

### **OTHER PROJECTS and PROPOSALS:**

S. Tolosa suggested providing information on basic water conservation ideas for the community that can be posted on Next Door Kinderhook and the Village website. It was noted that Task Force members can prepare and post additional information on subjects related to sustainability. B. Mancini proposed that the Task Force have a regular presence in the Farmers' Market in 2020. A. Leventon will research the bulk purchase of LED lights for a possible light bulb exchange at the Farmers' Market this year. A note from W. Applegate stated that a graphic designer has agreed to prepare work on our reusable bag logo free of charge.

**NEXT MEETING: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM in the Village Hall.**