

Climate Smart Task Force Committee Meeting

December 22, 2020

Present: Kevin, Vance, Melissa, Karla, Deborah. Angus, John

Kevin

The Town Board is considering using some Town land for a solar project. More info TBD.

Donal, David Levow and Tammy met separately with NYSEG regarding the street light purchase proposal. No idea where the proposal stands or what the Board is thinking. Vance will contact Tom Curran for information on how the Village's NYSEG streetlight transition turned out.

Angus

We have a draft solar law created. It's been shared with Ian Latimer at NYSERDA, Kate T at the Ag Protection Program, and Audrey Frederickson at Scenic Hudson for review and input. We are hoping for the support of these agencies/organizations to persuade the Town Board to adopt it. After that, the next step is to get it on the Town Board agenda to present it. The hope is to present at the Jan 21st meeting. Deborah suggests we give the Board a summary prior to the meeting to help them understand it. Angus agreed to send the various suggestions to Deborah and she will create a draft summary for circulation.

Solarize Chatham

The SC review team is Deborah, Karla, Angus and Melissa. We developed a set of interview questions for the prospective providers, and have dates scheduled for interviews with a representative from each provider. After that, we'll meet to develop recommendations to present to the Board.

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Survey Questions

The Comp Plan Committee has decided to seek the help of a professional planner. There are 3 set to be interviewed. As this may change the tenor of the survey, we will revisit our proposed questions later.

Boat Builders Grant Program

We submitted an application to be part of the program. We find out mid-January if we've been selected. If so, the program is 6 months and begins in February. We have no idea how many towns applied.

Deborah attended a Zoom conference hosted by Vassar College. It presented the findings of a partnership with a local community to inventory their greenhouse gas footprint. She suggests we inquire if they will offer the program again, and if so, ask if we can be the community inventoried. The link to the results will be forwarded.

Stretch Code

We'd like to schedule NYSERDA to present training in Stretch Code to the building department and local builders. Karla will contact Mike to schedule.

Land Preservation

The real estate transfer tax that was proposed in 2008 but never acted upon is being suggested again. The Town Board is looking in to it. We should prepare a statement of support from our Committee.

Next meeting January 26. 6pm