

## Climate Smart Task Force Committee

January 26, 2021 meeting

In attendance – Kevin Weldon, Deborah Conrad, Karla Kavanaugh, David Levow, Melissa Pollack, Angus Eaton, Jill Falchi, Max Gioia

NYSERDA “Lifeboat” Grant –

Deborah – Grants issued; we did not receive one. Based on locales chosen, they were looking for communities just starting out as Climate Smart participants. Deborah reviewed our actions and realized we have not followed through on the required documentation to get NYSERDA Action Item points. She will spearhead the effort to rectify this. Jill will help; suggests setting up a virtual meeting for this express purpose.

NYSERDA Clean Energies Communities Leadership Round Grant Funding – The long-awaited program finally rolled out today! It continues with the point system for actions taken in order to get grants. Jill will send the new scoping document and Angus will fill it in so we can apply for grant \$ for Solarize Chatham.

LED Streetlight Proposal- We presented it to the Board, they are reviewing. They have questions about some of NYPA’s numbers, have reached out for clarification. We wait.

Solarize Chatham – The subcommittee interviewed prospective suppliers, and recommends working with Astral Power and Delaware River Solar. Angus will fill out the new scoping document in the coming weeks so we can move ahead with this program.

Solar Law – We presented the Board with a draft law. It’s being/been reviewed by the planning board, David Levow and Ian Latimer from NYSERDA. The Board has a lot of questions, and is meeting with the Columbia Land Conservancy and the Chatham Ag Partnership to get their input.

Stretch Code – Karla talked to the building inspectors, and got the usual resistance to change. She says she personally knows a number of local builders who have expressed interest. Melissa suggested organizing a virtual training for as many local builders as we can get to participate, and invite inspectors to attend. Even if the inspectors have to be dragged into acceptance, as long as the builders are using best practices, then our goal has been met. Jill noted that we earn action points/qualify for \$ if the inspectors are trained, so it shouldn’t be hard to get them to attend.

Real Estate Transfer Tax – Has been presented to the Board. They want to talk to the Chatham Ag Partnership and get their opinion before consideration. We wait.

Trout Unlimited – They are back in Chatham, working on 2 different culvert projects: one on Clark Rd, one on Albany Turnpike. Jill will review to figure out in which category these qualify for action item points. Kevin will connect Jill with Tracy Brown and Jeff Antaluk.

Next Meeting February 23, 2021 6pm