



**Climate Smart
Communities**
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**Town of Poughkeepsie
Climate Smart Communities Task Force**

September 1, 2022 at 7 pm

The meeting occurred on Zoom at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91995613444?pwd=d1dacndyNzI0VEF3ZXlicFJkb1JCQT09>

Task Force members present:

Susan Karnes Hecht, Chair	Ann Shershin, 6th Ward Representative
Richard Levine	Stanley Merritt
Joan Freeman	Feza Oktay
Thomas Lynch	

Arlington Street Fair 9/17/22: rain or shine!

- Shared table CSTF/CAC, please go to shared doc and sign up to help that day.
- Feza has arranged with Friendly Ford to provide an F150 Lightning EV for the day, it will be parked near the table. We can plug something into it. Popcorn poppers, phone chargers, etc. Susan will bring popcorn/cups.
- Susan will set up posts - Feza will coordinate with Ford for content.
- Susan will reach out to CCEDC for new tabling materials.

Update on proposals for NYSERDA CEC grants:

- Designation Grant - Green Business Bureau proposal - Board requested revision to cover 100% of first-year membership. Proposal was revised and this is sitting as we await Board resolution for both grants.
- Action Grant -
 - We reviewed what has occurred in the discussion about an EV - vehicle for Police Dept. is not feasible at this time due to budget, technology, and timing issues. Vehicle needs were identified by the Water Dept. and placed in the NYS procurement system, returning two bids (Ford F150 Lightning and Ford E-Transit). While the pickup truck is within budget with the grant/current incentives, it was then learned that the Water Dept.'s need for a utility truck will take priority, making it likely that a purchase would be pushed out to 2024. Given that the incentives are not known in advance, it would be very difficult to proceed with the proposal based on current figures.
 - We are also pursuing the option of a small solar array, another pre-approved project. Susan and Ann met with the commercial solar rep from SunCommon, based on their previous work with municipalities, who turned out to be a 4th Ward resident living close to the pump station building under discussion for an installation. Is interested in supporting town needs. A proposal will be developed and presented to the Board at Committee of the Whole on 9/14. This would be a small array (comparable to the size of a residential array) making a very small impact on the town's overall electric costs, nonetheless it would be a 100% benefit since it would be fully covered by the grant plus related incentives; the proposed array will be

sized with the incentives figured in. The town engineer, Don Beer, has been part of these discussions and is supportive. Susan will ask SunCommon rep to provide info in advance for the Board.

Launch of CAPI Dutchess:

Delayed yet again, to November 16th. However, they will start to request “bulk data” prior to that time. The admins have been provided with Town personnel list, etc.

Update on certification actions summary:

Susan reviewed the action checklist and additional options in the CSC program and identified the following needs/opportunities to consider. We agreed that we need to continue to focus on the grants before turning attention to new/other actions, but these are possibilities.

- Fleet inventory needs to be updated and we still need a Town policy for how to maintain the regular updates. Richard will connect with Brian Porter and Kristen Taylor on this matter. This might or might not include fleet efficiency or rightsizing policies, which are separate actions.
- ECET, we are still looking for Building Dept. to send staff for Energy Code Enforcement Training (which is also a CEC High Impact Action). Ann will pursue a discussion with Tim Sickles, Building Dept. and Susan will provide content for that.
- NYStretch Code, should be revisited despite previous negative response. Also a CEC HIA. Also for Tim, Ann will have this on the same agenda.
- Susan will ask Kristen about the new charger code, we should assess if this may fit any actions.
- PE7 has several actions related to heat emergency planning, shade structures, cooling centers, etc. Ann thinks there may be an existing plan and can research. If so, it may be able to be submitted or could be assessed for any needed updates.
- PE7 also has several actions related to water quality. Tom will look at them to determine if any of the work being done through Hudson 7 is applicable. He also noted that the Salt Front Advisory Group will meet on 9/28.
- Tom noted that Section 9.17 of the Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan is about the Town of Poughkeepsie and lists vulnerabilities and capabilities, whether or not plans exist for a variety of hazard assessments. This could help pinpoint opportunities.
- We should also go back to the final CSC recommendations that Michelle Gluck created for the Town to see what has not have been addressed yet.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7 pm on Zoom

Minutes recorded by Susan Karnes Hecht