

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 11/18/17

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Doug Brenner, Colleen Lutz, Jeff Mousseau, Greg Mumby and Robyn Reynolds

Clean Energy Communities Program: Update on Implementation of High Impact Items

The completion of four “high-impact” items is required for designation by NYSERDA as a “Clean Energy Community.” Three high impact items have been completed:

- a. Energy Use Benchmarking
- b. Unified Solar Permit resolution
- c. Energy Code Enforcement Training

Electric Vehicle Charging Station: The fourth high impact item, the installation of an EV charging station at Town Hall is near completion. Robyn and Suzan reported to the Town Board at its meeting on 10/16/17 on the benefits of this action. The Town Board approved the purchase and installation, both to be donated by the Loughheed family. Kyle Loughheed (Ginocchio Electric) has ordered it and will install it when his schedule permits.

LED Street Lights: The Town Board decided at its September meeting to join the Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium. The Economic Development Committee continues to review the town’s options, including the possibility of joining a community RFP for the purchase, installation and maintenance of LED street lights.

Bringing Solar Options to Ancram: Robyn and Colleen are reviewing and editing a draft scoping document and RFP. Once those are complete, the CSCTF can initiate a solarization campaign.

NYSERDA Grant

Greg Mumby, a Community Planner with Climate Action Associates, reported that once designated a Clean Energy Community, Ancram will have three months to submit a developed project proposal to NYSERDA. Greg is available to help brainstorm, research and write the grant proposal. The main criteria for a successful proposal is that it be designed to reduce carbon emissions. NYSERDA will not fund planning only; to be successful, a proposal must include implementation. Ancram can apply for \$80,000 in grant money. The grant is “frontloaded” – 25% would be provided upon signing the grant and 30% after completion of the project design. We discussed the following project ideas:

- a. Mature trees for the summer camp and playground
- b. Composting and community garden
- c. Solar panels for the town garage

- d. LED conversion of town streetlights
- e. Weatherization program – small grants for home energy efficiency (e.g., caulking and insulation)
- f. Environmental counselor for the summer camp

The task force decided to initially focus on the LED streetlight conversion, and on a weatherization program. Suzan will distribute the information developed so far regarding cost estimates related to the purchase of streetlights and LED conversion, and will seek input from the Economic Development Committee on seeking funding for this project. Greg will research possible approaches to a weatherization program.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TF will be on December 9th at 9:30 a.m.