

## Notes

### CSCTF Meeting, 5/20/17

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Robyn Reynolds, Doug Brenner and Jeff Mousseau

#### Mission Statement

The TF reviewed the draft mission statement included on the meeting agenda and decided to amend it by adding a preliminary sentence. The sentence would reflect the overarching purpose of the TF (e.g., to prepare for the increasing likelihood of climate change and to fulfill Ancram's goals as a Climate Smart Community). Suzan will circulate a revised draft for the next meeting.

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

1. *Energy Use Benchmarking*: In March 2016 the Town of Ancram passed a resolution requiring that it report the energy use of its municipal building on an annual basis. Robyn will collect the required benchmarking data and will present it to the town board. Pursuant to the resolution, the Town must enter the data into an internet based tool (the Energy Star Portfolio Manager) and also post it on the Town's website. Robyn will upload a copy of the resolution to NYS's Clean Energy Communities Document Submission Portal, at which point this high impact item will be complete. The Fire Department would also like to benchmark.
2. *Unified Solar Permit*: In April of 2016 the town passed a resolution adopting the use of this permit, and, as a result, received an award of \$2,500 from NYSERDA. The TF agreed to request that the Town allocate the funds for use by the TF. Possible uses might include printed material for a solarize campaign, the purchase of an electronic vehicle charging station for the town, and snacks for TF meetings. Robyn will upload the resolution, as well as documentation regarding the grant award, to the CEC Document Submission Portal at which point this high impact item will be complete.
3. *Energy Code Enforcement Training*: This item requires that Ancram's Code Enforcement Officer (Ed Ferratto) and two other officers participate in training. David Boice, Ancram's Fire Chief, may also attend, as well as Town Board member Madeline Israel. Doug would also like to attend the training. The next step is for the Town to respond to Dave Brignati of the training firm TY Lin International/Newport Ventures to arrange the training.
4. *LED Street Lights*: Derek Porter and Gerry Fultz have researched the issues relating to these lights. Robyn will ask Gerry for an update on progress.
5. *Solarize*: Art Bassin, Hugh Clark and Doug met with LAM Development, and Art and Hugh met with Hudson Solar, to gather preliminary information about solar options for the town and the community. Robyn will send Suzan a sample RFP as well as a

list of solar companies that may be interested in working with the Town on this issue. Suzan will circulate the RFP, the committee will review responses, and then schedule meetings with selected contractors.

6. *Clean Fleets*: The committee decided to revisit the possibility of completing this high impact item, using funds from the \$2,500 awarded for adopting the Unified Solar Permit, to purchase an electronic vehicle charging station. Since the Town has already completed two high impact items (benchmarking and unified solar permitting), and is close to completing a third (enforcement training), installing the charging station would bring the number of completed items to four. This would allow Ancram to apply for NYSERDA funding for future climate-related projects.

### Energize NY Finance

This program is potentially beneficial to the community because it allows businesses to access low cost loans for solar installations. On Monday, 5/22/17, Columbia County's Economic Development Council will be reviewing the terms of the program. Several local governments have adopted Energize NY Finance, including Albany County and the cities of Hudson and Schenectady. Any in favor of enabling it in Columbia County should reach out to the supervisors on Columbia County's Board.

### DEC's 50/50 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program

The deadline for this grant is 7/28/17. Robyn advised that additional grants are expected. We should consider applying for one when we have identified a grant-eligible project.

### Next Meeting

Future meetings will take place on the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting of the TF will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.