Notes CSCTF Meeting, 3/17/17

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Madeline Israel, Doug Brenner, Bob Moss, Jeff Mousseau, Robyn Reynolds and Greg Mumby

NYSERDA Grant

On 3/15/18, the town board passed a resolution authorizing the town supervisor to request an \$80,000 grant from NYSERDA based on a proposal to be prepared by CSCTF. A description of the proposal was presented to the town board at its February meeting.

Madeline reported that the fire department has not yet decided if it would like the fire house to be included in the energy assessment. Unless otherwise advised – while there is still time in the grant writing process – they will not be included in the proposal.

Reimbursement for purchases of LED lights: This idea was discussed during the phone meeting of 3/318. Greg Mumby addressed some of the administrative complications connected with the idea. The committee decided to limit the LED program to an exchange (e.g., one LED bulb for one incandescent bulb) and not to offer a reimbursement program for more specialized lighting.

Stocking of specific LED bulbs: for purposes of writing the proposal we do not need to specify which bulbs we will stock. We can continue to research the issue. Bob will check at Home Depot to see which types of bulbs are most frequently purchased. Suzan reported on the results of her inquiries – frequently used bulbs include 40, 60 and 100W bulbs for the E26 base and 25 and 40w bulbs for the E12 base.

Suzan will request a two-month extension from NYSERDA to make sure there is adequate time for all concerned to review the grant application. The request has to be submitted two weeks before the deadline (4/8/18). Greg will send her necessary details to make the request (e.g., email address and language for request).

Greg will complete the draft grant application, for review by the CSCTF, in advance of the next town board meeting. That meeting will probably be on 4/19, meaning that the committee will need the draft by the first week of April to allow time for our review, and for review by the TB.

Energy Benchmarking

Robyn and Suzan will meet with Art today on this issue. The information has mostly been gathered.

Solar Options for Ancram

The committee will invite several solar vendors to make presentations to the committee on their products and services. There have been developments regarding Community Choice Aggregation. Robyn will send Suzan a list of vendors that operate in our area. Suzan will distribute material on solar campaigns, including the RFP template developed by NYSERDA.

Streetlight Project

New York State has given a mandate and funding to the New York Power Authority to facilitate a transition to LED street-lighting across the state; the program is called Smart Streetlighting NY. The Mid-Hudson Street Lighting Consortium is planning a presentation on this development.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will take place on April 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.