

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 4/21/18

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

NYSERDA Grant – Proposal Details

Two years for lightbulb exchange program – the committee decided that this time allocation made sense, with the understanding that we would have some discretion as to when, within the two-year period, to stop actively running the exchange and focus on phase two of the grant (energy upgrades for town facilities).

How much money to allocate to the lightbulb exchange program – The allocation in the draft proposal (\$40,000) is appropriate, with the understanding that if we don't spend all of it for bulbs, the balance will be used for energy upgrades at town facilities in phase two of the grant.

How to run the bulb exchange – The committee will propose to launch the program with at least one educational/outreach event (possibly partnering with the Affordable Housing Partnership in Albany). Other outreach will include email, regular mail and the town newsletter. Additional project details will be decided during the design phase of the grant process. Ithaca is also applying for a NYSERDA grant for a bulb exchange and may be a resource for design details.

NYSERDA Grant – Timeline and Town Deliverables

Greg reported on the grant timeline and deliverables. The grant is due 6/8, but we should submit before the end of May so we will be considered in that month's batch of proposals. Once received, NYSERDA will take 3 to 4 months to decide.

If awarded, a NYSERDA project manager will be assigned and a statement of work, terms and conditions, and any qualifications, will be discussed over the next 30 days. A contract is then prepared and signed. The grant is paid over the life of the project in four installments of \$20K each. The first payment is made at the time the contract is signed.

The town's first deliverables, the program guidelines, are due within three months after the contract is signed. Once the guidelines are approved we would start the bulb exchange and we would also complete the energy efficiency analysis at the same time. The results of the analysis will give us an idea of how much funding will be needed to improve town facilities in the second phase of the grant process.

When we have spent 50% of the bulb exchange project budget we will receive the second payment. The third payment will be made after we complete 50% of the energy

upgrade component. The final payment would be made at the completion of the energy upgrades.

Solar Options for Ancram

Robyn reported on three solar options for Ancram: rooftop or ground mounted panels at individual properties; community solar; and, Community Choice Aggregation. She also described the basics of a solarize campaign. The details are included in her written summary, distributed to the committee, *Solar for the Community Options*.

Ancram's Comprehensive Plan Review

The town is currently reviewing its comprehensive plan. There is an opportunity for the committee to propose the insertion of language focused on energy efficiency and climate resiliency. Suzan previously circulated a draft insertion, as well as possible questions to be included in the survey about to go to all town residents. She asked the committee to review and provide feedback.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on May 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.