

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 2/17/18

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Madeline Israel, Doug Brenner, Bob Moss and Robyn Reynolds

NYSERDA Grant

The town board approved the CSCTF proposal idea at its meeting on 2/15/18. The proposal includes two discrete projects: a Municipal Building Energy Efficiency Assessment and Upgrade Project; and, a Community Energy Efficiency Lighting Project (LED exchange). A summary of the proposal idea, dated 2/1/18, was provided to the Town Board in advance of its meeting. The grant application is due on April 8th.

Greg Mumby will write a draft grant application for review by the CSCTF. The application will be sent to Art on 3/8/18 for distribution to the town board before its next meeting, scheduled for 3/15/18. If the board approves, Art will need to sign a letter of commitment to be included with the application.

Guidance material regarding the grant process is available at www.nyserda.gov/cec. The application will be considered by a technical evaluation panel convened by NYSERDA. 100 points are possible; 60 are required to receive the grant award. The process could take up to about five months. If NYSERDA does not approve the application the Town can re-submit without losing any of the grant funds. If the application is accepted, the Town will receive 25% of the budget at the time the contract is signed.

Municipal Building Assessment and Upgrade: the task force will determine whether the Fire District would like the firehouse to be included in the energy survey of municipal buildings. Madeline will make this inquiry. Suzan will ask Colleen to ask as well. The type of audit to be performed is "investment grade", which is perhaps different than the assessment performed by Central Hudson at town hall and the firehouse a few years ago. Madeline will ask for a copy of the Central Hudson assessment. The grant can be written to include the possibility of solar panels at the town garage should no (or little) corrective work be required at the municipal facilities.

Community Energy Efficiency Lighting project (LED exchange). This project will have three parts, each of which will need funding:

1. Educating and marketing. This is to inform the community of the exchange and provide information about the benefits of LED lighting. The effort could include a working display at town hall, a webinar, articles in the town newsletter, a webpage, workshops, and an email blast to the town with information about the exchange days.
2. The bulb exchange. The committee needs to determine how many bulbs should be provided to each household, and what type of bulbs these should be. Robyn

will reach out to Derek Porter to find out what type of LED light is most likely to be used. Suzan, Bob and Greg will also research the issue.

3. Disposal. Greg will research this issue.

The task force will meet by phone on Saturday 3/3/18 to discuss progress on the application and share information. Robyn will arrange the conference call.

HVAC Audit of Town Hall

Art asked the TF to handle a request made by the state to gather information about the HVAC system at town hall. The information requested is quite technical and would likely be most efficiently gathered by the building manager. Suzan will let Art know that the TF does not have access to the requested data or the expertise to handle the state's request.

Central Hudson; Solar Credits for Town Hall

Art questioned why the town received zero credits on its February bill. Robyn believes it is related to the accounting method used by Central Hudson. She will look into it further and advise Art on her conclusions.

Solarize Campaign

NYSERDA is offering a \$5,000 grant to fund Solarize campaigns. The applications are due on 2/28/18. The grants are offered annually. The committee decided against seeking the grant at this time.

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the TF will be by telephone on March 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the grant application.

The next in-person meeting will take place on March 17, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.