

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 12/9/17

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

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

LED Street Lights: The Economic Development Committee continues to review this. Art Bassin has advised the CSCTF that this should not be the focus of a grant application because the Town cannot give funds to the Lighting District, the governmental entity that would incur the cost of converting the lights to LED.

Bringing Solar Options to Ancram: Robyn suggested that we consider asking the Columbia County Environmental Management Council to take on a Solarize Campaign as a county-wide effort. Colleen, who represents Ancram on the Council, will ask that this be on the agenda at the EMC's next meeting in January. The CSCTF will monitor this effort. If the EMC declines, the CSCTF will re-visit and consider how to bring solar options to Ancram.

NYSERDA Grant

Greg Mumby reported on his research into structuring a grant application around a weatherization program. He reviewed Red Hook's application which did not include many details. He suggested a program for low- and middle-income households substantially as follows:

- Interested homeowners would contact NYSERDA for a home energy assessment and would receive a written report with steps they could take to improve energy efficiency
- The Town would select a contractor to do the work based on an RFP.
- The homeowners would apply to the Town for a grant to do the work. Low- or moderate-income status would be one of the criteria.
- The contractor would work off the list of improvements on the evaluation and would spend up to the grant amount. These would be time and materials contracts.

Greg will write a brief memo summarizing this idea and will distribute it to the committee for review. Once final, the committee will submit it to Art for review and for presentation to the Town Board for approval. Doug will ask Monica Cleveland to add this to the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting on January 11, 2018.

Reporting to NYSERDA

Suzan submitted the required paperwork to NYSERDA showing completion of three high impact items: the unified solar permit, Energy Code Enforcement Training, and the Electronic Vehicle Charging Station. She will submit the last item, regarding adoption of the energy benchmarking resolution once she gets a signed copy from Monica.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TF will be on January 13th at 9:30 a.m.