

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 6/17/17

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Paul Ricciardi and Madeleine Israel

Mission Statement

The TF reviewed the second draft of a mission statement, included on the meeting agenda, and decided to amend it by adding a sentence. The sentence would reflect Ancram's commitment to preserving its rural character. Suzan will circulate a revised draft for the next meeting.

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

1. Two high impact items have been completed:
 - a. Energy Use Benchmarking resolution
 - b. Unified Solar Permit resolution
2. *Energy Code Enforcement Training*: Four town officials are available for training – Councilwoman Madeleine Israel, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Ferratto, Planning and Zoning Board Clerk John Hoffman, and Code Enforcement Secretary Marie McDermott. Doug Brenner of the CSC Task Force will also attend. John Hoffman is coordinating with Dave Brignati of Newport Ventures (TY-LIN International) to schedule training dates.
3. *Electronic Vehicle Charging Station*: the committee decided to use some of its budget (a total of \$2,500 received by the Town for adopting the Unified Solar Permit) to purchase a charging station if the town approves. Madeleine will determine whether Ancram's zoning allows installation of the station at Town Hall. If so, Paul and Jeff will review the various charging station options, as summarized by Robyn, and make a recommendation to the committee. Suzan will forward Robyn's email summary to Paul.
4. *LED Street Lights*: The Economic Development Committee is researching this issue. A meeting to review options will take place on Saturday, 6/24 at 9:30 a.m. at town Hall. Members of our committee are welcome to attend.
5. *Solarize*: A "Solarize Campaign" is initiated by completing a Scoping Document, distributed with the agenda, and submitting it to NYSERDA. The scoping document has a link to a webinar on how to conduct a campaign. The committee will consult with Robyn to determine whether there are advantages to complying with the NYSERDA protocols for a Solarize Campaign, as opposed to the committee devising its own strategy for bringing solar options to the Town and its residents.

NYSERDA Grant Application; Idea for Projects

Once the Town has completed four high impact items it can submit an application to NYSERDA for a grant of \$50,000. The committee discussed various ideas for a grant proposal, including:

- Mature trees to shade the playground at Town Hall and/or for the area around the town pool
- Upgrades to the pool (if any can be linked to climate change mitigation or adaptation)
- A composting program and community garden
- Solarize the town garage
- LED conversion of town streetlights

The Conservation Advisory Council, chaired by Jamie Purinton, may also have ideas

The grant application does not have to be limited to one project.

Next Meeting

Meetings will continue to take place on the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting of the TF will be on July 15th at 9:30 a.m.