

## Notes

### CSCTF Meeting, 7/15/17

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Doug Brenner and Robyn Reynolds

#### Mission Statement

The TF reviewed the third draft of a mission statement, included on the meeting agenda, and decided to accept it.

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

1. Two high impact items have been completed or initiated:
  - a. Energy Use Benchmarking (initiated – resolution passed, annual reporting to the EPA now required)
  - b. Unified Solar Permit resolution - completed
2. *Energy Code Enforcement Training*: The initial training session has taken place. The next step will be for the trainees to review building plans with the consultant.
3. *Electronic Vehicle Charging Station*: Robyn will write a memo addressing the issues raised by the Town Board at their June meeting. The Board deferred a decision to install the EV charging stations so that CSCTF could do additional research on operational and zoning issues. Madeleine Israel previously reported that Ancram's zoning allows the station. Robyn will address the operational issues and will include any additional information, e.g., regarding installation, that she learns or that may be provided by Paul Ricciardi or Jeff Mousseau. CSCTF will submit the information to Art Bassin in time for the September Town Board meeting. Suzan will find out by what date Art needs the memo in order to distribute it to the board for that meeting.
4. *LED Street Lights*: The Economic Development Committee met on 6/24 with Robyn and Pat Courtney Strong of the Mid-Hudson Street Lighting Consortium to discuss this. The EDC is considering working with the Consortium to purchase Ancram's 32 street lights from the utility, Central Hudson. The consortium may be able to move forward with this by mid-2018 as part of a bulk purchase of streetlights from the utility by several towns. Should the CSCTF be successful in obtaining a NYSERDA grant it would consider funding all or part of the purchase, estimated at \$20,000. The NYSERDA grant amount would likely be either \$30,000 or \$80,000 (depending on whether a legal settlement that the state is now working on is finalized).
5. *Bringing Solar Options to Ancram*: The first step is to submit a summary-type ("scoping") document to NYSERDA about our "solarize" initiative. The task force should also prepare an RFP, based on NYSERDA's sample. That would be distributed to contractors the same way the town typically issues a bid. We could make sure that the solar companies previously identified by Doug Brenner or others are aware that the bid has been issued. The task force would decide what factors

are important to offer to town residents, such as pricing and experience. Suzan will prepare a draft RFP and a summary of our solarize campaign for review by Robyn and Doug, and then by the task force.

#### NYSERDA Grant Application; Idea for Projects

Robyn suggested that we choose one project with a municipal focus and one with a community focus. In addition to the possible projects identified at our last meeting, she suggested a weatherization program (community focused) to help fund building “envelopes,” e.g., small grants for home energy efficiency (caulking, insulation, etc.).

#### Energy Use Benchmarking

Robyn will provide a spreadsheet to the town that identifies the benchmarking data that it is required to compile and submit to the EPA. This is basically one year of energy bills. The submission is done annually, at any time during the year. The data must be inputted into the EPA portfolio platform. Robyn can input the data, or can show someone at the town how this is done.

#### DEC Report on Solar Installation; Ancram Landfill

Robyn will ask her friend, a professor at Hudson Valley Community College’s Smart Tech Campus, to review the DEC report. Doug will also review the report.

#### Next Meeting

The CSCTF will not meet in August. The next meeting of the TF will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.