

Notes

CSCTF Meeting, 9/15/18

Attending: Suzan Flamm, Bob Moss, Madeleine Israel, Doug Brenner, Cathy Redlich and Jill Falchi

NYSERDA Grant Project

Suzan reported that NYSERDA's draft contract, with minimal suggested changes, has been returned to Chris Reohr, the NYSERDA manager for the Ancram grant. He expects we'll receive the finalized contract in two weeks. The contract will be on the agenda for the October meeting of the town board.

Bob reported on the status of design efforts for the first component of the grant, the LED lightbulb exchange. The Town of Caroline has been also awarded a grant for an LED lightbulb exchange. Bob, Colleen and Suzan are working with Chris and the Caroline team to develop a design for the exchange program. They participated in an initial phone conference to discuss planning. The draft agenda for the next phone conference, indicating some preliminary design ideas, was distributed to the committee. This conference is expected to take place the week of 9/24. Issues to be discussed include: procurement of LED bulbs; outreach; distribution; verification that bulbs are being used; and, disposal.

Community Solar - Update

Suzan reported on the results of the committee's meetings with three solar contractors. Cathy will include an article about community solar in the next newsletter. The committee supports the idea of pursuing a community solar option for town residents. A community solar farm does not have to be located within Ancram. The next step is to choose a contractor, and a business model. Outreach for community solar could be included with the outreach planned for the LED lightbulb exchange.

Energy Use Benchmarking and Reporting for Town Facilities

Jill Falchi explained how the town can use the EPA Portfolio Manager to enter the town's energy use data and thus obtain benchmarking information. The town is obligated to report publicly on its energy use by posting the information on its website. Jill distributed a copy of the data that is currently on the town website for 3/17 to 3/18. She will continue to be available to help with the reporting obligation. The next report will cover 3/18 to 3/19 and should be posted in April of next year. Madeleine stated that Colleen has some familiarity with this kind of reporting and may be able to work on this.

LED Replacements for Streetlights

The Financial Advisory Council has been working on this, most recently with NYPA, which is helping towns buy streetlights from utilities and convert to LED. The CSCTF will continue to stay informed of developments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on October 20th at 9:30am.