

# VOL CSC Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 01/21/2021 (via Zoom)

**Attendees:** Simon Moll, Ronny Hardaway, Lynn Leopold, Terry Carroll, Brian Toy

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

Minutes from 11/19/2020 meeting were approved.

### Status of PE2 Tasks:

**GHG Inventory (Carroll and Toy):** Attendees discussed the VOL Greenhouse Gas Inventory document and provided feedback to the current version – preparing it for release to the trustees.

There was a discussion on VOL electricity cost differences between 2013 and 2019.

### Status of PE3 Tasks:

**Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings (Hardaway):** Attendees discussed a draft resolution to be presented to the trustees to gather energy usage data in Energy Start Portfolio Manager.

### Status of PE4 Tasks:

**Solar Energy Campaigns:** Moll discussed solar energy campaigns within the VOL for Clean Energy Communities participation. Carroll provided information on the requirements for launching and documenting the impacts of a community solar campaign. Carroll and Moll to work on a CEC scoping document for the campaign.

**Green Power Procurement Policy (Moll):** Moll reported that VOL streetlights could not connect to the VOL Solar Farms NY contract/campaign.

**VOL Tree Bank:** Moll raised a question about the VOL Tree Bank policy/law could fulfill a future CSC action step. Carroll and Toy stated that action steps were changing and to wait and see if a new/updated action step might be appropriate.

**Innovative Ideas:** Task force discussed potential new ideas.

- Painting rooftops white - residential/businesses.
- VOL's new Sidewalk Committee
- Pedestrian master plan
- Xeriscape landscaping - reduction of fossil-fuel maintenance vehicles and water-smart landscaping.

## Status of PE7 Tasks:

**Solar Installations and Power Purchase Agreement:** Task force discussed future solar installations in the Village (not much land available for installations.) Power purchase agreements are probably the best way to go.

**TC Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Hardaway discussed VOL's participation in the Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation plan and how this plan will help the county and the village to prepare for impacts of climate change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.