

VOL CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 09/16/2021 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Simon Moll, Ronny Hardaway, and Lynn Leopold.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

PE3 Actions Status

- Energy Star Portfolio Manager: Hardaway reported that the 2020-2021 utility data was captured. He shared the EnergyStar Portfolio Manager website and demonstrated how the data is updated and reported within the app's interface.
 - DPW garage is a major source of Village offices' energy usage – especially during the winter months.
 - 2021 energy usage score went up because energy usage went down.
 - The COVID-19 pandemic was probably the reason for lower energy use because the Village offices might have been empty for longer hours.
 - Moll asked, and Hardaway did a real-time check, to see if the ESPM reports can be shared with online public users.
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PE4 Actions Status

- Solar and Heating Campaigns: Moll reported that he has written articles for both campaigns.
 - HeatSmart campaign public webinar had only a few attendees.
 - Currently, the Village has a total of 15 Solar Farms NY signups: 5 from the Village and 10 from other municipalities/counties.
 - Still waiting for NYSEG to convert from 2- to 1-bill availability.

PE5 Actions Status

- Government Solid Waste Audit (Hardaway) – Hardaway reported that he is not sure an audit is practical for the Village. Maybe within the DPW solid waste.
- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings (Hardaway) – Hardaway reported that no Village policy exists. Hardaway will write a draft resolution.
 - Leopold presented an anecdotal history of recycling in Tompkins County.
 - Leopold discussed building deconstruction roadblocks and needs within the county reuse program.

- Construction & Demolition Waste Policy: Moll reported that he researched what other municipalities were doing. Large municipalities have policies, but small municipalities do not.
 - Leopold clarified differences between reusing and recycling waste from building demolition/deconstruction.
 - Moll recommended a simple policy for the Village rather than a detailed, cumbersome policy that would be hard to communicate and enforce.
- Recycling Program for Public Places & Events – Hardaway reported that no Village policy exists and he will write a draft policy.
- Waste Reduction Education Campaign: Moll reported that larger municipalities have these policies, but not smaller municipalities.
 - Moll will ask Rachel Zevin if the Village could simply provide a webpage with links to outside resources to satisfy this action.

PE6 Actions Status

- TF had no progress to report on these actions.

Hardaway will send Leopold a list of potential actions to see if she can help/lead the work.

Moll used newsletter articles to invite new members of the CSC Taskforce.

Zevin was absent, so Hardaway will send her an email with findings on the VOL Climate Action Plan draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.