

# **VOL CSC-CEC Task Force**

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 01/20/2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Lynn Leopold, Gina Cassidy, Rachel Zevin

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

This was a level-setting meeting to determine the status of CSC and Clean Energy Communities.

### **PE5 Actions Status**

- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings – Hardaway briefly described recycling bins in the Village offices. Leopold asked about recycling containers in the DPW garage.
- Organic Waste Program for Government Buildings – Hardaway reported there is little organic waste within the Village buildings due to a small staff; therefore, he recommended not implementing this action item at this time.
- Recycling Program for Public Places & Events (Hardaway) – Hardaway recommended not implementing this action at this time because the Village does not have adequate staff to monitor and collect recycling waste from public places and events.
- Residential Organic Waste Program (Moll & Leopold) – Attendees discussed concerns with local organic waste from restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores, farms, etc.
- Gina Cassidy stated that the Village could write the policies so that they would be implemented once the conditions or staff-level changed.

### **PE6 Actions Status**

- Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements (Hardaway) – Hardaway reported that he had reviewed the VOL Comprehensive Plan, identified the sustainability elements, and documented those elements for submission as CSC evidence for the Village.
- Unified Solar Permit – Hardaway reported that he had forwarded Mike Scott and Carolyn Greenwald the USP form and resolution from Gina Cassidy. They are reviewing to see if it fits within the Village's new Solar Law.

- Alternative-fuel Infrastructure – Hardaway stated that he had suggested to the Tompkins County Shared Services Initiative that the county and local municipalities standardize the look and feel of EV charging stations. This would help local drivers identify charging stations and be familiar with how to use them.
- Natural Resources Inventory – Hardaway asked for input from the Greenway Committee for the NRI. He also asked Zevin to begin to pull together the information for the NRI document.

### **CEC Planning (with Gina Cassidy)**

- Clean Energy Communities Points Estimator – Cassidy provided a preliminary points estimator to help guide VOL CEC-related work on High Impact Action areas.
- LED Streetlight Conversion – Hardaway to work with John Courtney on the LED Streetlight Calculator spreadsheet to document where and how many LED streetlights are owned by the Village.
- Benchmarking – EnergyStar Portfolio Manager account is in place and populated with 2 years of data. Hardaway will create a public report for the Village website.
- Energy Code Enforcement Training – Scott will enroll and take an upcoming Energy Code Enforcement training class.
- Unified Solar Permit – In review by Mike Scott and Carolyn Greenwald

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM