

VOL CSC-CEC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 02/17/2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Gina Cassidy, and Rachel Zevin

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

PE5 Actions Status

- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings: Hardaway reported no progress.

PE6 Actions Status

- Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements (Hardaway) – Hardaway is finalizing the documentation for submission to NYSERDA.
- Unified Solar Permit (Moll) – Hardaway that Mike Scott completed his CEC training through NYSERDA, and during that training he determined that he wanted to try to use the USP within the Village.
- Natural Resources Inventory – Zevin reported on the draft NRI outline that she distributed to the task force members.
 - The NRI can be a launching point for other CSC actions.
 - The NRI will probably take 6 to 12 months to complete.
 - Hardaway discussed adding a couple of small, private cemeteries as “sensitive” natural areas. Zevin responded that it was up to the Village. Cassidy recommended to NOT identify these cemeteries because individuals might seek them out and harm them.

CEC Planning (with Gina Cassidy)

- Clean Energy Communities Points Estimator – provided by Gina. Hardaway reported he did not work on the estimator. Cassidy displayed and reported on the Village points accumulation. Village currently has 1600 points.
 - LED Streetlight Conversion – Cassidy reported that she spoke with John Courtney about a list of LED streetlights the Village “owns” (converted LED lights count.)
 - Energy Code Enforcement Training – Mike Scott completed

- Unified Solar Permit – Hardaway reported that its adoption is still being discussed.
- Benchmarking – The EnergyStar Portfolio Manager account is in place and populated with 2 years of data. Hardaway will create a public report for the Village website. Hardaway discovered that some of the EnergyStar Portfolio data is missing and he will work to correct. Hardaway will location trustees' approval of using the EnergyStar Portfolio Manager and send to Cassidy.
- Cassidy mentioned Ithaca's Community Choice Aggregation effort. Hardaway reported that the Village is probably not ready to adopt CCA.
- Hardaway reported that CSC Bronze Certification is still in work but will take a while.
- The Task Force discussed EV truck for the DPW, but heavy-duty trucks needed by DPW are not yet available or practical.
- Energy Code Enforcement Training – Hardaway reported that Mike Scott completed this class, and this documentation needs to be submitted to NYSERDA.
- Attendees briefly discussed how to successfully submit the documents to CEC and CSC programs for review.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.