

# **VOL CSC-CEC Task Force**

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 10/17/2024 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Kathleen Yen, Lynn Leopold, Jerry Sheng, Chris Skawski

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

## **FATHOM SUMMARY**

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### **VOL CSC/CEC Task Force Meeting - October 17**

#### **[VIEW RECORDING - 47 mins \(No highlights\)](#)**

#### **[Weather and Community Updates @ 5:00](#)**

The participants discussed the beautiful fall weather and recent activities in the community, including work being done at the Green Spring Cemetery and the availability of sweet corn at a local farm.

#### **[Climate Smart Communities Program Update @ 9:18](#)**

Ronny provided an update on the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) and Clean Energy Communities (CEC) programs. He noted that the joint safety action plans will continue into next year, and the evaluate policies for climate resilience item is still to be determined. Jerry shared that the CSC program contract has not been renewed yet, so his focus will shift more to CEC work until a decision is made in January.

#### **[Heat Emergency Plan @ 11:59](#)**

The group discussed the need to develop a heat emergency plan policy for the village, tied to the Tompkins County Health Department's resources and emergency notification system. They agreed the village would support the county's efforts and provide resident/business interfaces on the village website.

#### **[Shade Structure Policy @ 15:25](#)**

Ronny mentioned that Cathy had previously drafted a shade structure policy that the group had edited, and they need to decide if they want to try to get it approved at the next village board meeting or wait until the first meeting in November.

#### **[Hazard Mitigation Plan and Water Quality Strategy @ 17:00](#)**

Ronny provided an update on the hazard mitigation plan submission and the CAGA lake watershed plan, noting that the water quality strategy document from the county could be used as a reference. Lynn shared the link to the latest 2022-2024 water quality strategy document.

#### **CEC Grant Funding and Project Ideas @ 25:46**

The group discussed potential projects that could be funded through the CEC grant, including LED street light replacements, EV mowers, and energy upgrades. They noted the challenges around using grant funds for projects already underway. Jerry offered to provide more information on the grant requirements and funding sources.

#### **Wrap-up and Next Steps @ 46:26**

Ronny adjourned the meeting and noted he would follow up with some action items, including reaching out to Chris for additional guidance on the LED street light project and sending a summary of the key discussion points.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.