

VOL CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2020 (via Zoom)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

Meeting minutes from 09/24/2020 were approved.

Status of PE2 Tasks:

GHG Inventory (Carroll and Toy): Toy and Carroll reported that Cayuga Heights Wastewater Treatment data still missing. After that is received, the document is will be ready for a first review.

Status of PE3 Tasks:

Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings (Hardaway): Hardaway will draft a resolution for the Trustees to track energy usage through the Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

Attendees asked Hardaway to fix editing rights for users on Google Doc files - they could read, but could not comment.

Fleet Inventory (Hardaway): This task has been completed. Hardaway to check on how to document for NYSERDA CSC credit.

LED Street Lights (Smith): Smith still working on this task. Hardaway reported that the Village is in negotiations with NYSEG to install LED street lights on Dart Drive.

LED Traffic Signals (Smith): Smith still working on this task.

Outdoor Lighting Reduction (Smith): Smith still working on this task.

Outdoor Lighting Upgrades (Smith): Smith still working on this task.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (Leopold): Leopold reported that the county is working on an EPPP. the Village should wait and work off of this EPPP.

Energy Code Enforcement Training (Hardaway/Scott): Waiting for two workshop courses to be offered by NYSEG.

Status of PE4 Tasks:

Green Power Procurement Policy (Moll): Moll watched the Town's S-Power video. Simon, with Jodi Dake, investigated buying into community solar: New York Solar Farms offered a 5% discount on the Village's NYSEG bill. NYSF commercial manager later offered a 10% discount on all Village NYSEG accounts. NYSF CEO offered a 10% discount on all NYSEG bills but, currently, only two accounts are eligible. Right now, the Village would receive two bills - one from NYSEG and one from NY Solar Farms along with NYSEG's service fee for transmission. The Public Service Commission has directed energy providers to combine two bills into one bill. Moll and Dake suggested we wait until the merged billing is available.

Renewable Energy Feasibility Studies (Moll): Moll reported that we need the GHG Inventory, building energy audits, etc. before we can start working on the feasibility studies. Moll asked if we could receive credits if Cornell students performed the feasibility studies. Carroll spoke of Engineering Department's Prof. Francis Vanek and his programs. Graduate students might be interested in helping with the feasibility studies. Toy spoke of the Planning Department's "Design Connect" program which is more design than feasibility focus, but they might be helpful.

Renewable Energy Credits (Moll): Still in work. Waiting for Village to possibly buying into NYSF.

Solar Energy Installation (Leopold) & Power Purchase Agreement for Renewables

(Leopold): Buying into a solar farm with a long-term contract would probably be best. CSC Task Force to draft a memo to encourage trustees to buy into a local solar farm.

Status of PE7 Tasks:

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates (Hardaway) Hardaway to discuss with Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation efforts about how Village's appendix might be used for CSC certification.

New Business:

Attendees discussed adding other county municipalities' CSC certification package links: Ulysses, Caroline, etc.

Terry Carroll suggested the CSC Task Force contact Jim Ryan (Village of Montour Falls) to speak with Trustees about CSC experiences and best practices.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.