

**VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023 MEETING**

Members Present: Ellen Silver Via Zoom (CSC Coordinator), Dan Kushnick, Liam Robb O'Hagan, Debbie Sullivan, Dan Sarnoff (VOM) David Freeman (for part of meeting), Kate Dehais (guest). Absent: Tim Whitney, Jerry Barberio (VOM), Dennis Drogan (VOM)

The meeting was held via zoom, called to order at 7:10.

Discuss progress toward becoming a Bronze Climate Smart Community.

Ellen shared a chart showing that we have accomplished 89 out of 120 points toward Bronze. Three of the actions must be Priority actions to qualify for Bronze status. The next opportunity to apply for the Bronze Designation is April.

- Ellen is working on the GreenHouse Gas Inventory with the Hudson Valley Regional Council using a GHG tool. The GHG Inventory is a Priority Action in the CSC program. She has input the Village's various energy bill usages and has a document that she would like feedback on from the Committee.
- On Alternative Fuel Infrastructure, Dan Sarnoff reports that the Village has an agreement with Blink for installing EV charging stations, but it needs to be reviewed by the Village attorney. The sites for the stations have been selected. Dan will follow up with this to see if they can be installed by April. Alternative Fuel Infrastructure is also a Priority Action in the CSC program.
- Regarding LED street lights, this was done too long ago to get points according to Dan.
- Per Dan, the Fleet Inventory is slowly getting caught up with replacements after Hurricane Ida. Ellen asks that he send her the total number of vehicles and the number of electric and hybrid vehicles.
- The Stretch Code presentation to the BoT was last Monday. Dan is hopeful that the BoT will approve. He states that it is being adopted on a large scale in Westchester County. Liam followed up on the presentation with a letter to the Board advocating for adoption.
- Unified Solar Permit. Dan feels it makes sense for this to be a common streamlined process. He will follow up with the new building inspector and invite her to our next meeting.
- Solar installations. Taylor's Lane remains a viable option, but the issue of ownership of a small portion of the property is in question. Dan named a number of possible sites for village rooftop installations: the Village Hall if a renovation is undertaken, Harbor Island Parking lot, building in Harbor Island, DPW building. The parking lot on Prospect needs repair, so is not a current option. Dan Kushnick asked how we can help the Village move forward on this. Dan Sarnoff suggested that the CftE make a resolution to recommend the installation of Solar Panels on

Village buildings, and to make sure it is in the Comprehensive Plan. Ellen asked if there are funds in the Inflation Reduction Act for solar. Dan mentioned that they have applied for a grant for signal synchronization to decrease cars idling at stop lights.

- Ellen brings up that we need 3 Priority Actions in order to apply for Bronze status. She currently has EV, GHG Inventory and the Comprehensive Plan. It does not seem likely that the Comprehensive Plan will be adopted by March due to the review process. We will need another Priority Action. Dan mentions Natural Resources, Complete Streets and Government Building Energy Audits as possibilities. Ellen asks that Jerry and Dan review these to see if they can be completed in time to submit for April.

EnergySmart Homes

Debbie reports she has sent the Scoping Document to Jerry and Dan Sarnoff for review and is waiting for them to get back to her. The taskforce is in favor of moving forward with this.

Comprehensive Plan

Ellen has been in touch with Neil Desai via email to coordinate recommended actions of the GHG Inventory with the Comp Plan. Neil also met with some members of this Taskforce to discuss the Sustainability Section.

CSC Grants Update

Gas powered equipment buy back program needs to get official okay from the Board. Dan mentions that a \$35,000 grant was used to fund the Comprehensive Plan.

Green Expo

We discussed in our last meeting of having a vendor fair in conjunction with the Library sometime in the Spring. Ellen reports that the Library is willing to host a fair. Jerry had expressed support at our last meeting. We need to see who wants to work on this, and what support will be coming from the Village.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20