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**From:** Ekblad, Dazzle L (DEC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** 'Karen London'; Niklas Moran  
**Cc:** Jeffrey Allison; bethelsupervisor@libertybiz.rr.com  
**Subject:** RE: Town of Bethel's CSC Coordinator

Dear Karen,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response to your email below from May 4. Lots of traveling and time out of the office for me in early to mid-May!

It is wholly acceptable that local governments have volunteers acting as CSC coordinators (CSCC action 1.3). The key is that the town officially embraces the local CSC coordinator(s) as working closely with the town on CSC initiatives; we at the agency level need to know that we are working with someone who represents the town's priorities. So a resolution or executive memo (i.e., from town supervisor) indicating Carol and Stephen's role as the town's official (and now unpaid) role as CSC coordinators for Bethel would be a sufficient expression of this commitment and relationship for 1.3.

In addition, a letter from the county affirming the arrangement would be welcome, if Carol and Stephen's support for Bethel is considered part of their responsibilities as Sullivan County employees - this arrangement would mean that it is not being done purely on a volunteer basis, but it would be acceptable fulfillment of CSCC action 1.3 as well (if the county is paying them to support Bethel).

If being CSC coordinators for Bethel is not considered a direct part of their county duties, it could clarify the situation to have the county indicate in a letter that is comfortable with them serving in that role for Bethel (e.g., the county sees no conflict of interest between being part-time employees at Sullivan County's Office of Sustainability and part-time volunteer CSC coordinators for Bethel).

Does that all make sense?

Thank you for your thoughtful correspondence and participation in the CSCC program.

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**From:** Karen London [mailto:naarlondon2@gmail.com]  
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**Cc:** Jeffrey Allison <jc\_allison@msn.com>; bethelsupervisor@libertybiz.rr.com  
**Subject:** Town of Bethel's CSC Coordinator

Dear Dazzle and Niklas,

For the past three years, the Town of Bethel has had Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart, then the co-executive directors of the non-profit, Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development (SASD), as our CSC Coordinator. We confirmed that this relationship with SASD serving as CSC Coordinator would satisfy the relevant CSC priority Action Item 1.3 and, as a small rural municipality with limited staff and relevant expertise, this worked out terrifically for us as Carol and Stephen have exceptional and much-needed expertise. We previously submitted the contract between the Town of Bethel and SASD as documentation of Action Item 1.3 fulfillment.

Carol and Stephen have now been hired as part-time personnel in Sullivan County's Office of Sustainability and are no longer affiliated with SASD (which now is a wholly volunteer organization). We have confirmed with that County office that they can continue to work closely with the Town of Bethel, coming to our Bethel Green Committee

meetings and reviewing proposed courses of action, documents, RFPs, etc. In fact, they will be performing exactly the same services as they did before on behalf of the Town of Bethel, minus the \$3000 annual consulting cost that the Town previously paid SASD.

We want to confirm with you that the Town of Bethel can continue to have Carol and Stephen recognized as our CSC Coordinator under Action Item 1.3 and determine what documentation would suffice for CSC purposes going forward. Since Action Item 1.3 recognizes that the role can be filled by a "volunteer", can we submit a letter from the Sullivan County Office of Sustainability that Carol and Stephen can, as part of their responsibilities of their County employment, continue to serve as the Town of Bethel's CSC Coordinator attending Bethel Green Committee meetings, reviewing documents, assisting with RFPs and otherwise providing requested counsel to the Bethel Green Committee and the Bethel Town Board on CSC certification initiatives?

Thank you.

Karen London

Co-Chair, Bethel Green Committee