

Dobbs Ferry Energy Task Force Minutes

June 4, 2013

Attending: Sarah Koenigsberg, Nina Orville, Holly Malekian, Paddy Steinschneider, Cathy Bobenhausen, Rob Baron

The minutes from April were approved.

Climate Smart Communities Update

Dobbs Ferry is being used as case study for successful municipal sustainability work. Nina went to CSC meeting at Norrie Point DEC office with Mayor Connett. Informal event, NYSERDA Cleaner Greener grant program person was there, Mayor reported that sound business principles guided the Village's actions. Village's natural gas consumption down about 50% and electric usage down over 20%. 4 municipalities as pilots to try out certification process for Climate Smart Communities. It is intended that certified communities would be eligible for funding incentives. Sustainable Jersey municipalities are immediately eligible for free audits for municipal facilities. The pilot application is actually quite substantial. Nina was thinking that the Village could post an intern opportunity to prepare application. Holly suggested that she would let word out among interns at Groundwork. Nina indicated that an intern should be found within the next few weeks.

Community Engagement

Nina said there have been a number of people who want to participate in the work without necessarily being Task Force members. There is a room for another person active on the committee, Holly was suggested someone active in the schools. Nina suggested that someone who serves as liaison with School Board would be helpful. Sarah will contact Green Club students through Facebook for potential student members. Committee endorsed idea of having two students on the committee.

Schedule

Should do Energy fair in the fall.

Recycling

Sarah is going to check on progress of film, qualifies for CAS, for juniors who are currently under a lot of pressure at end of school year.

Cathy will follow up with the Mayor asking him to announce that two new members are needed for the Task Force. Expressions should be sent to Liz Dreaper.

Transportation Update

Paddy report that on May 24th - contract received \$63K instead of \$118K Village communicated w NYSDOT, they were eliminating pylons and bollards as 'infrastructure'. Rob said that Broadway Safety Coalition should be notified. Marcus has to present before the Board of Trustees the amount that was approved by NYSDOT.

SWEAC and NWEAC meeting in Pleasantville. NWEAC mainly focused on creating recreational trails.

Recycling Flyer

Holly has identified a number of facilities that can fix equipment - Nina was suggesting disclaimer would be needed. Holly and Cathy will finish this up.

Rivertowns Square

Site plan approval adjourned. Ardsley is filing Article 78 against Dobbs Ferry.

Other News

Village approved an energy study for Village Hall (\$4K study by Village, with subsidies by NYPA) and replacing lights in library with LED fixtures because bulbs and ballasts are burning out. Balancing of thermal conditions in Village Hall is another project - NYPA had studied Tarrytown's lighting and almost all changes were implemented by the Village. CFL disposal - Nina suggested that flyer include options like disposing at Big Box stores.

NYSEG communities can access NYSERDA money for solar; NYPA communities could opt in to pay the systems benefit charge which would make the municipal facilities eligible for NYSERDA solar incentives. Petition to the Public Service Commission to allow the NYPA customers to pay the systems benefit charge so that they can be eligible for NYSERDA incentives. Energy Task Force endorsed the Village sign on to the petition. Embassy Community Center potential candidate: re-roofing and addition in the works.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bobenhausen