

Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 19, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; John King, Mayor; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Katherine Herlemann, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Schuyler; Christopher Skawski, CCE Schuyler Intern; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

Guests --Amanda Rodriguez, SCOPED; Steve Lawton, George Mahler, Mark Wilber, North New York, LLC; Kristin VanHorn, Schuyler Co. Planning.

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman Ryan acknowledges that since the last meeting of the Sustainability Committee meeting the Village Board passed the Demolition Waste Policy and Complete Streets Policy June 6th, 2019.

Chairman Ryan does not believe the Village Hall interior fixtures and lighting will be done by the July 7th date. He wants to ensure the Village Hall conversion is done properly, even if the Village has to pay in addition to the \$4900 from the grant.

Katherine Herleman states that in respect to the grant requirements, 18 exterior bulb conversion to LED should be equivalent. She states that they will need proof of purchase or work order for what is being installed. She verified that Mr. Ryan and Mr. Hillyard received an email containing the 18 exterior lights/fixtures to be satisfied. Dean Hillyard states it will get done.

Chairman Ryan states that under the limited community vulnerability assessment, looking at the flood risk analysis, he reached out to Michael O'Connell, Engineer, Larson Design Group. They are trying to get an implementation grant to study the data necessary to do the survey and then what it will cost the Village to do the levee survey. In 2020, apply for an action grant to get the recertification done. They have never before funded a grant like this. Katherine Herleman states that's likely due to the fact that levee recertification only occurs once every 40-50 years. Kristin VanHorn identified Janet Thigpen as a valuable resource on anything related to flooding.

Katherine Herlemann states that Ingrid Zabel, Climate Change Education Professional, will be attending the Village Board meeting tomorrow, June 20th, 2019 to present the limited vulnerability assessment, a basic overview of precipitation modeling being used and what will be expected in the Village in the next 30-50 years.

Chairman Ryan states this information will be useful when right sizing the Village culverts, to do it once and have it sustainable for years to come.

Christopher Skawski will provide a completed Green Power Procurement Policy to the Village Board on June 20th, 2019, in addition to, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. The GPPP is a CSC

action item that simply outlines the Village goals and a rough timeline for adding renewable energy to their renewable mix. Katherine Herleman notes that it will contain just rough percentages for now. CCS will be working with engineering contractors like Renovus, etc. to take a look at site suitability etc. with lots of ideas on the table that need to be further explored to do cost benefit analysis before putting in place any specific goals.

Katherine Herleman and Chris Skawski gave progress updates on the Government Climate Action plan, Community GHG Inventory, and Natural Resources Inventory.

Christopher Skawski noted that the Sustainable Montour Falls complete plan includes an Energy Reduction campaign, a Waste Reduction campaign, a Buy Local/Buy Green message, and Farmer's Market push. The social media campaign will first be in draft form, and approved prior to posting. The goal is to boost awareness and increase community engagement.

The Sustainability Committee will meet again on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 1:00 in the Village Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk
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