Village of Pelham

Climate Smart Communities Task Force and VOP SAB Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2021

(Our next Meeting Date: July 5, 2021)

Attendees: Yenna Chan, Gabrielle Sasson, Tom White, Heather Eliezer, Maryanne Joyce, Anna Riehl, Ben Smyser, Hanan Eldahry, Lucia Lavallee, Lindsay Preftakes, Harry Ross, Mayor Mullen

- 1. May meeting minutes were approved.
- 2. The Mayor led a discussion of village priorities and the possibilities for grant money to assist in those priorities. There are multiple limiting factors that must be considered in making application for these grants and they vary by both the nature of the grant and the size of the grant. One idea to be developed is folding the activity into the Comprehensive Plan next year. Some items for this include electric village equipment, GHG Audit, formalizing Sustainability in the Comprehensive Plan, and a Natural Resource Inventory.
- 3. Pelham House will present to the SAB on 6/21/21.
- 4. The VOP will reorder food waste kits in July and a distribution/payment system including Village Staff will be worked on.
- 5. A discussion on the CSCTF/EcoPel manning a table just outside the Sunday Farmers market will be had in the near future.
- 6. CSCTF sub-committee meetings should be posted to the SAB calendar so that any interested member can participate and hopefully expand our reach.
- 7. Yenna Chan and Gabrielle Sasson were reelected 6-0 as Co-Chairman for a one-year term. Ben Smyser was introduced as our soon to be formally appointed new SAB member replacing Richard Heller who has resigned. Harry Ross and Tai Montanarella have joined the SCSTF while Melissa Eustace has resigned.
- 8. We have received word that the VOP is now officially a Clean Energy Community recognized by the State of New York. Publicity to be worked on in the near future.
- 9. We reviewed a number of priorities most of which are on hold one way or the other pending some development. Installation of EV Chargers may occur this summer or more likely in the fall.