



Association of Erie County Governments

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Climate Smart Committee Minutes Association of Erie County Governments

Friday, July 1, 2022
2:00pm via Zoom

Committee Members

*Gary Dickson, Town of West Seneca;
Audrey Hamernik, Village of Depew;
Mary Hosler, Town of Evans;
Jason Keding, Town of Boston;

*Brian Kulpa, Town of Amherst (representative)
*Lynne Ruda, Village of Lancaster

*In attendance. Also in attendance, Jason Kulaszewski from UBRI, Whitney Skeans from National Grid, Christopher Knospe from NYSEG, Kelly Dixon from the GBNRTC, John Weiksnar from the Tesla Owners Club of NYS,

I. Recap of Association of Erie County Governments Meeting

- Discussion regarding some of the questions that came up from the municipal leaders and the municipal leader points of view regarding EV charging and working to get EV grants

II. Discussion

- Knowing where to put them in the community
 - Ideas for prime siting:
 - downtown corridors
 - hotels
 - parks/trails
 - think anywhere you'd find VISITORS hanging out for 3-4 hrs.
 - muni fleet parking areas

- The PlugShare app has locations listed, there did not seem to be a need to put together a full regional map by this committee of where EV charging stations need to be located
- Understanding the funding sources
 - More discussion about the Charge Ready program and the ZEV grant took place – now is the time to act before funding runs out
 - There was brief discussion regarding the need to lobby about more EV charging station funding at the State level
- Getting our Feedback out
 - It is important to be getting our feedback as municipal leaders back to NYS via a survey/web event
- EV Fleets
 - Discussion took place about the conversion of our municipal fleets and what that would entail
- Education of the public
 - Discussion about getting board member buy in and the public buy in
 - There are a lot of misconceptions and a “Fact vs. Myth” informational sheet would be helpful
- The future of EV
 - Discussion about level 2 vs. Fast charge and the benefit of adding EV stations now, vs. Waiting for the next technology that will be coming

III. Next Steps

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- Look into finding a “Fact vs. Myth” sheet regarding EV
- Have municipal leaders give their feedback through the s
- Continue to be a liaison to municipalities who are looking for more information on EV charging station and EV fleet conversion
- Report for August Association meeting
 - Lynne will type the minutes and prepare the report which will be accessible through a QR code at the tables

IV. Resources

- <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/ChargeNY/Charge-Electric/Charging-Station-Programs/National-Electric-Vehicle-Infrastructure-Program>
- <https://driveelectriccolorado.org/ev-mythbuster-electric-grid-and-rates/>
- https://meetny.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=meetny&service=6&rnd=0.529444986461266&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fm

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Registration link above to NEVI July 20th Virtual Public meeting at 1pm

- https://www.greencarreports.com/news/1133254_fires-are-less-frequent-in-teslas-and-other-evs-vs-gas-vehicles
- <https://www.tesmanian.com/blogs/tesmanian-blog/tesla-model-y-added-to-perry-police-department-ny>
- <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s6836>
- Melrose, MA pole top charging pilot project - <https://cleantechnica.com/2022/05/30/national-grid-installs-pole-mounted-ev-chargers-in-massachusetts/>