

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Village of Philmont, NY

Minutes of Meeting No. 10

October 12, 2022

Attendees: Thomas Paino (Chair), Allison Hoppe, Haley Balconoff, Andrew Personette, Susan Michie

The meeting took place entirely on Zoom.

1. In order to enhance the LED lightbulb giveaway, the concept of “reverse Halloween” was agreed to with Allison taking the lead and set for October 31. Lightbulbs would be made available to be distributed door-to-door and in the streets. Possible additional participants are Susan, Andrew, and Tom. Creation of a short video on the importance of switching out high wattage lightbulbs for LED’s was discussed. Such a video could be placed on the Village website as well as social media.
2. It was agreed to submit the application for the NYSERDA Clean Energy Community PON 3298 (municipal building energy audit) before the deadline of October 20, 2022. Tom will take the lead.
3. It was agreed to submit the application for the Climate Smart Community Certification Program that consists of Pledge Element 2.1 – Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Pledge Element 2.5 – Government Operations Climate Action Plan. This is at no-cost to the Village and would commence in early 2023. Tom will take the lead with transfer to someone else once it gets started.
4. It was agreed to submit the Village Resolution to participate in the Climate Smart Community Certification Program that consists of the preparation of a Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan (Pledge Element 7) to Capitol District Regional Planning Commission through Haley. Alison and Susan will take the lead.
5. Request for Village Resolution in support of NYS Climate Act legislation has been dropped for the time being and will resume as more clarification during the rule-making process becomes available.
6. Completion of items 2, 3, and 4 will put Philmont’s CSC well within the requirements to meet Bronze Certification. The application process is quite arduous (collection of all data associated with each Pledge Element) but can be accomplished with ideally two Task Force members making the commitment.
7. Contact information to enable a tour of the Valatie Micro-hydro facility was received. Andrew will take the lead.
8. Arthur King is still interested in creating a logo (based on a chance meeting with him in of all places, Penn Station).
9. Route 217 is a State Road, obligating us to meet their requirement for an EV station sign. Susan will take the lead on this.
10. The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Minutes prepared by Thomas Paino