

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Village of Philmont, NY

Minutes of Meeting No. 13

January 11, 2023

Attendees: Thomas Paino (Chair), Allison Hoppe, Haley Balconoff, Debra Gitterman, Sarah King, Arthur King, Michael Seserman

The meeting took place entirely on Zoom. Michael Seserman welcomed as new task force member.

1. Lightbulb exchange video planning to resume after Storycrafters have returned and ready to continue. Agreed to a “table” at Philmont Community Day to be better defined moving forward.
2. The NYSERDA Clean Energy Community PON 3298 (municipal building energy audit) has resulted in draft audits for Village Hall and Community Center. The water treatment plant audit is still being discussed with NYSERDA administrator and will hopefully be resolved shortly.
3. Commencement of Pledge Element 2.1 – Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – is dependent on getting the previous item resolved since the water treatment plant is such an intense energy user. Pledge Element 2.5 – Government Operations Climate Action Plan is dependent on 2.1 (audits) being resolved.
4. The CSC assessment summary and table indicating planned and completed actions required for Bronze Certification are posted on the Village website. Using GoogleDocs, the required program documents need to be posted obliging task force members to commit to specific credit categories. Submission deadlines are January, April and July of each year.
5. Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan (Pledge Element 7) is dependent on County initiation.
6. Tour of Valatie Micro-hydro facility for a Wednesday morning proposed. Andrew, Susan and Michael are interested. Date to be set.
7. The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Thomas Paino