

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Village of Philmont, NY

Minutes of Meeting No. 24

January 10, 2024

Attendees: Thomas Paino (Chair), Susan Michie, Arthur King, Sarah Barton-King, Haley Balconoff, Marty Miller, Sebastian Schinkel

The meeting took place entirely on Zoom.

1. The bulk of the meeting focused on strategy to achieve the credits, in both Clean Energy Community (NYSERDA) and Climate Smart Community, required to position Philmont as a recipient for newly adopted grant awards substantially higher in value than in previous rounds. The feasibility of meeting the mandatory deadline dates for both programs, which to some degree overlap, was also discussed. Haley and Tom indicated that we already have a substantial number of credits in each program. The challenge at hand is to clearly identify the additional actions to be accomplished, their corresponding number of credits and due dates.
2. Clean Energy Community 5,000 points = \$100,000 plus \$10,000 - \$30,000 for campaign Tier 1 grants. We already achieved 3,100 points, the biggest point getter being adoption of the NYS Energy Stretch Code with 1200. The remaining points can be achieved by the following:
 - 800 points - CSC Bronze
 - 500 points - Clean Heating & Cooling Campaign
 - 200 points - Community Solar Campaign
 - 300 points - Benchmarking
 - 200 points - Fleet InventoryThis will get us to 5,100 points, the biggest point getter being Climate Smart Community Bronze certification at 800. Details of achieving points in these categories will be discussed further in the February meeting.
3. Climate Smart Community 120 points = \$10,000 plus potential targeted action grant money.

PCSC Additional Actions for April 2024 Submission

Group	Action	Pnts	Who
PE2	Government operations GHG Inventory	16	Tom
PE2	Government operations Climate Action Plan	12	Tom & Debra
PE3	Benchmarking Municipal Buildings Advanced Rep	2	Tom
PE3	Fleet Inventory	4	Tom
PE3	Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy	4	Debra
PE4	Green Power Procurement Policy	4	Debra
PE5	Recycling Bins in Government Buildings	3	Debra
PE5	Waste Reduction Education Campaign (Repr Café, compost)	2	Susan
PE5	Residential Organic Waste Program (leaf & Compost)	10	Susan
PE6	Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements	6	Debra
PE7	Climate Vulnerability Assessment	10	Tobi
PE7	Climate Adaptation Plan	7	Tobi
PE7	Climate Resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan	4	Tobi

	Watershed Plan for Water Quality	4	Arthur, Sarah
PE8	Brownfield Clean-up & Redevelopment	6	Arthur, Sarah
PE8	Community Campaigns, solar + Clean Heating and Cooling	6	Michael
PE11	New Innovative Action (MicroHydro	5	
		105	

Total

The following actions from this table will receive priority to meet the April 2024 deadline: GHG Inventory, Government Operations Climate Action Plan, Municipal Building Benchmarking, Fleet Inventory, Environmentally Preferred Purchasing, Green Power Procurement Policy, Recycling Bins, Leaf Composting, Brownfield Cleanup actions performed by BOA committee and Community Campaigns. These priority actions should add up to an additional 59 points which will exceed the 120 minimum by approximately 28 points.

4. Columbia County Clean Heating and Cooling campaign continues for both heat pumps and solar installations. Michael will have more in February. The Village Trustees agreed to have Michael consult with Lee Heim for total solar and heat pump building permits.
5. Michael forwarded an email concerning county-wide composting from Deborah Conrad who is coordinating the collaboration of several towns to make participation in the program more fruitful. Jolene Race, the current county contact, will be retiring, so the effort will continue with Wendy Madsen. More in the February meeting on this topic.
6. The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Thomas Paino