

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Village of Philmont, NY

Minutes of Meeting No. 30

July 10, 2024

Attendees: Thomas Paino (Chair), Debra Gitterman, Michael Seserman, Susan Michie, Arthur King, Lindsey Strehlau-Howay

The meeting took place entirely on Zoom.

1. Results from Survey 1

*The survey results will be used to inform website, print (placard), and social media content CCE will be creating.

1. Top 5 Community Vulnerabilities: Flooding, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold and Blizzards, Wildfires, Drought
2. Top 5 topics with Lowest Community Preparedness Level: Emergency Assistance and Shelters, Food Pantries, Vulnerable Population Sign-Up, Climate Change, Emergency/Disaster Route

Decisions Made in Today's Meeting

1. Philmont has the okay from the Town Board for this action's resolution; it will be put on August agenda to pass it
2. Voted for printed material to cover topic: Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Tips

What to look for next

1. Survey 2 results (Disaster Preparedness Local Information Worksheet) will be used to help fill in the PE9 website template.
2. Lindsey will be sending out social media topics and verbiage for feedback before next Task Force meeting.
3. Next Task Force meeting agenda for this action: review social media topic list, example posts, and any website template updates. Gather additional feedback and information to help complete website and social media components

Last call for Bronze Certification Application. Tom will submit the application tomorrow with the following tally: 5 Priority items, 9 Pledge elements and 178 Points.

Village Hall Decarbonization Study – The mayor has signed off on the NYSERDA document indicating intent to work with CHA Consultants which will hopefully lead to matching funds to the existing Partners for Climate Action grant. Tom will contact both NYSERDA and CHA and report on progress at the next meeting.

Electric vehicle charging station replacement – Debra is scheduling a call with AmpUP and will let Tom know how to join in to learn more about their proposal to change out the workings in the current station with their equipment. Sebastian is in touch with Solution Energy to get a bid to replace the existing station with a breakdown of parts and labor. The vendor asked if the Village has an electrician to install. Tom will coordinate with Sebastian.

Tom will reach out to Claverack CSC for coordination to participate in the Climate Carnival planned for this September. Tom will also discuss a coordinated effort to have an initial meeting with a representative of the DPW to discuss a Village and Town-wide composting effort using County facilities.

Philmont Community Day – Michael reported that the committee would not allow electric vehicles in the official “antique car” line-up, but they could participate in the parade commencing at 3:00 PM. Possible cars are Michael’s, Jeri Burn’s and Tom’s. Also, the library has offered a table to use – Tom will bring the logo tablecloth. Raine, the new library director will consider display of sustainability books. Coordination with the county-wide composting program is a task waiting for a volunteer. Discussion of a flyer specifically addressing this need was discussed.

Susan still needs content for the newsletter.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Thomas Paino