

## Climate Smart Task Force Meeting

January 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Held at Revibe

### Members Present;

Co-Chair Daniel Carpenter  
Chelsea Henderson  
Kate Morse  
David Hoffman  
Angela Meislin  
Tim LeBaron  
William Norris  
Wemdy Lukas  
Jim Sullivan

Helene Patterson  
Cindi Wian  
Deborah McGloine  
Julie White  
Christina Shaw  
Deborah Gaylord  
Emily Yolleck  
Pam Demler

Co-Chairman Dan Carpenter opened the meeting by announcing that the minutes were up on the website for review. He stated that there had been a correction to the minutes regarding the identity of one of the persons speaking and asked that he be advised of any other corrections that might need to be made.

He expressed that he planned to have an agenda drafted up prior to the next leadership meeting to allow for better organization in these meetings.

As there were new members attending this meeting, introductions were made;

Dan Carpenter introduced himself as the Mayor of Schuylerville, Village Clerk, Helene Patterson, William Norris, Schuylerville resident, Emily Yolleck, resident of Schuylerville, Deborah Gaylord from Hudson Crossing, Wendy Lukas, resident of Schuylerville, Chelsea Henderson, rural soul music studio, and an organizer of the Schuylerville small business association, Pam Demler, resident of Schuylerville, co-owner of Bound by Fate brewery, Kate Morse, Hudson Crossing Park, Deborah McGloine, Schuylerville School district green ribbon schools, Dave Hoffman, Cindy Wian, formerly director of Hudson Crossing, Schuylerville green ribbon school, and village resident, Christina Shaw former communications director from the town of Davidson, Julie White Hudson Crossing park, Angela Meislin, green ribbon school leadership, Tim LeBaron, Village of Schuylerville Trustee.

Dan Carpenter brought up the first item for discussion, which was the plan to include the ecumenical clergy in the climate smart task force. Village Clerk Helene Patterson stated that she had contacted Reverend Joyce De Velder and that the reverend was looking forward to working with the climate smart committee. DeVelder was hoping that someone could attend one of their meetings and present for her group. Dan Carpenter stated that he would like to attend the initial meeting, and that he would welcome anyone else to do so as well.

Cindy Wian spoke regarding the rating system for the climate smart community, she stated that there were some tasks that would be easier to attain. She spoke regarding the various groups that could be recruited to assist in accomplishing many of the tasks included in the climate smart google drive link.

Mayor Carpenter asked if any member had chosen a particular item included in this folder. He stated that he and David Hoffman were going to begin with the greenhouse emissions inventory. He mentioned that the committee could learn a lot from other participating communities. He noted Saugerties in particular as an excellent example of how to lay out tasks and how they achieved their goals and missions. The mission statement for Saugerties was so well written and succinct that it was suggested that the Schuylerville committee should adopt this statement as their own

Angela Meislin offered to serve as a liaison to the school for the task force. She informed the committee that Earth Night is scheduled for Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the elementary school cafeteria. The middle school environmental club presents this event and invites the elementary students to attend and learn, The village will be cosponsoring which will allow the village to gain points for hosting an educational activity.

One item that Mayor Carpenter wanted to discuss was the conversion of the lighting in the municipal buildings to LED. He has discussed this with the Schuylerville DPW and they feel confident that they will be able to change out the fixtures themselves at the DPW garage. He asked if the committee could find out if there is financial assistance for this, and how we can achieve points for converting to LED.

He also discussed the fact that the lighting in the water and sewer plants also needed to be upgraded to LED. He questioned whether the village should bring in a third party to estimate the cost to upgrade all of the lighting as well as the street lights. David Hoffman stated that the Saugerties committee had invited a consultant to come in and perform an energy audit. A question was raised as to whether the village would need to have all of the work done at once to attain points. It was thought that the plan was one item for points, and that it was possible that the plan could be made in phases, and that possibly each phase that was completed could gain points for the committee. Tim LeBaron stated that at the state garage, they were able to replace only the ballasts to convert to LED and kept the original fixtures. This saved a substantial amount of money.

There was discussion regarding the need for a logo, as well as a plan on how to establish one. An idea was offered that the village could ask the school to hold a competition for the students to create a logo for the task force. It was decided that at the February meeting the committee would establish guidelines for the logo creation, criteria and a submission deadline and that the winner of the contest would be announced at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Kristi Carrara has offered to assist in the creation of our webpage for the committee. Dan Carpenter encouraged the members to reach out to each other with any questions they might have. He asked the members to let him know if there was anyone who did not want their e-mails displayed for contact from other members.

The next item up for discussion was to invite the state to come in for oversight. It was decided that all members would be comfortable with a skype type of attendance if they were not able to attend in person.

There was a suggestion that during trash week we could ask for the residents to use a green tarp to indicate items that were in good working order so that these could be easily taken by persons who might need them.

Ideas were presented including composting, the village buying cases of LED light bulbs for resale to the residents, as well as the suggestion of a farmer's market. Mayor Carpenter stated that the Fort Hardy Master plan was not going to be able to begin to be formed until later in the spring and welcomed any ideas from the members as to the proposed new layout of the park.

Dan Carpenter asked the committee to consider recommendations that they might bring to the village board for the updating of the village comprehensive plan. He noted that there was a timeline on this, as the board was going to be moving forward on updating the plan.