

Climate Smart Task Force Meeting
February 11th 6:30 pm
Schuylerville Village Hall

Members Present;

Co-Chair Daniel Carpenter	Chelsea Henderson
Tim Lebaron	Cindi Wian
Helene Patterson	Deborah McGloine
David Hoffman	Julie White
Angela Meislin	Jim Sullivan
Bret Jorgensen	Christina Myers

Dan Carpenter mentioned that the minutes were available from the last meeting, he asked that the members read the minutes and be prepared to approve or amend by the next meeting.

The first item for discussion was the website. He stressed that we really need to find a way to educate and get the word out to the public. For now, he felt that it was acceptable to use the climate page that is on our village website, but that he felt that we should look to set up a designated site for climate smart. Debra said that she was concerned that a website would only work for those who were already seeking Climate Smart information. She stated that she feels a Facebook page is easier to maintain, and that pictures and posts were more effective at capturing attention. She suggested that the village website could have the Climate Smart Facebook thread on it to keep the page active. She thought that things like carpooling opportunities or donation or repurposing of items which might otherwise be thrown away could be a great connection on the Facebook page. Tim LaBaron suggested that we could ask the library to include a link to the Facebook page as well. Mayor Carpenter suggested that there should be more than one administrator so that no one person is responsible to ensure that the content is legitimate and appropriate. After some discussion, Brett Jorgenson volunteered to set up the facebook page and be one of the administrators. Dan and Christy committed to be administrators as well.

David Hoffman, who has taken on this task, provided an update on the Greenhouse emissions inventory. He is nearly finished with the village emissions spreadsheet. Helene Patterson has provided David with the utility statements that he needs to complete his spreadsheet for inventory. She is working on a spreadsheet for diesel fuel as well. If businesses would like to inventory their greenhouse emissions, David Hoffman stated that he would help them with this.

The LED replacement of the lighting fixtures for the municipal buildings was discussed. DPW Supervisor Rob Decker had investigated the costs involved in this. The maximum that we estimate this will cost is approximately \$2,500. We will be evaluating the waste water treatment plant next, then the village municipal building. A revolving fund that green ribbon is offering through the chamber is a small loan offered to small businesses to assist with the initial costs of converting to LED.

The logo competition guidelines will be up on the website, please let us know by Friday if you have any questions, additions or changes that you feel we could make to this. We identified a

deadline to submit for the 21st, the evening before earth day, with the announcement on April 24th. Eric Laffer, Chelsea Henderson and Angela Meislin will select the logo winner.

Mayor Carpenter has sent two e-mails out to the state agency in the climate smart department. He is hoping that we will be able to get them to attend a meeting here, but if that is not possible, he thought that a teleconference would be effective as well. He asked the group to think of questions for the teleconference and add them to the google page. Bret Jorgenson will organize this on the google drive, and there will be a google survey to determine which three questions we will ask during the teleconference.

A Schuylerville Small Business Association meeting was attended by Deborah McGloine. She stated she would be discussing tips to save energy and implement, “greener” policies with this group.

Deborah and Dan attended a meeting of the ecumenical clergy group. One of the main topics was, “Green your Gathering” to discuss ways to avoid using single use items at parties such as plastic cutlery and cups and choose reusable items instead. Patterson plans to hold a, “green your gathering challenge” at her next community dinner. Deborah McGloine stated that for the Lenten dinner, she was going to borrow Helene Patterson’s idea to ask the parishioners to give up plastic for lent.

There were various discussions regarding speakers and groups to be included in the climate smart outreach. It was determined as well that the task force needed to become more informed on how the group accumulates points.

Some other topics for further discussion were; Bret Jorgenson stated that he feels there is a need for an electric car charging station in the village and bicycle racks were mentioned by Chelsea Henderson as an essential item for the downturn area.