

CSC Task Force Meeting 12/12/2023 Notes

Attending: Nancy, Leah, Carol, Pat and Tara. Haley attended via zoom.

Community Solar & Heat Smart Campaign Update: We have been awarded \$5000.00 for each of these campaigns and the money can be released according to the NYSERDA guidelines.

Haley reported that Germantown has established a Green Fund that these grant dollars can be deposited into for future use according to the stipulations of the fund. Haley will send us Germantown's Green Fund details and maybe another town's so we can hopefully approach the Town Board at their last meeting of the year next Tuesday. We will draft a paragraph on how the fund will be used, especially the three aims of these NYSERDA grants: Sustainability, Green Energy and Reduce Greenhouse Gases. We think adding an additional use of the funds to pay for a Sustainability Coordinator would give added benefits of a point person to effectively seek, apply and then manage these funding opportunities and awards. Wording from the recently approved Comprehensive Plan will show residents' intent to pursue these objectives.

There is a NYSERDA application to be completed for the release of the funds. We will do the draft to be completed by the town. NYSERDA does not require further documentation once funds from these campaigns are released.

CARP – The group discussed the poor communication on this effort and the current second survey sent the day before Thanksgiving without much explanation. Carol will draft a more informative intro and then with group final input, Tara will send to Lisa to distribute to town residents via email.

EV Scoping Document – The scoping document was not finalized and submitted. Leah did not receive any response from two requests to Kinderhook Toyota if there is any way to track EV buyers from Gallatin. Carol is going to confirm if the County DMV can track Gallatin residents. Then she will complete the 9 page scoping document and submit to the town for approval.

NYSERDA UPDATE CLEAN ENERGY Haley informed us that NYSERDA is set to announce an update to the Clean Energy Programs. There is expected to be 62 new actions and expanded funding opportunities.

Next meeting: January 9, 5:30 at Town Hall.