

Climate Smart Communities Task Force
March 7, 2024
Minutes

Meeting began at 3:30pm

Attendees:

Ron Till – CSCTF Coordinator, Village Planning Board Member
John Hartman – Mayor, Village Liaison
Peter Gordon – Owner, EV Recycling Company LLC, EV Parts Guy
Chris Cameron – Village Resident
Paula Randall – Town of Riga Resident
Daryl Chesley – Village Resident
Rachel Scudder – CSC Regional Coordinator

Clean Energy Communities Update:

- Rob needs benchmarking data for 2023-2024 YTD
- Discussion on Elective Pay and how to register for it

CSC Application:

- Next submission date – April 5, 2024
- We would have 123 points but could submit to get feedback. We would expect not all points would be accepted.
- Rachel will review application and provide feedback
- Dennis Scibetta, Building Inspector, is in NY Energy Code training today. Once completed, this will get us to the 123 points

Green Building Codes:

- Ron has been researching these codes for items that could be relevant to the Village
 - Heat Pumps
 - 2x6 framing
 - Spray foam insulation
 - House wraps
 - Triple pane windows
 - Exterior rigid foam
- Recommendation to further investigate heat pumps and house wraps for updates to village building requirements
- NY State code is being updated; we want to see what this new code has before we go much further.

- Only other municipalities which have updated their code have all been downstate. With our low electricity rates, the ROI on these investments is much longer. Do not want to add unnecessary costs that would discourage building in the village.

Next steps:

- Focus on completing last items for CSC Bronze and continue working toward CEC Level 2.
- L2 grant is \$50K. After Oct 1 drops to \$40K. Getting CSC Bronze would get us there.

Discussion on what CSC Bronze means for us:

- Additional points toward CEC L2 (\$50,000 grant)
- CFA Preference
- DEC Watershed/Water Quality grants. Helpful for what we want to do along the Black Creek
- Certification is good for 5 years, but must check application as some items expire

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm