VOL CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes Thursday, 03/18/2021 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Simon Moll, Ronny Hardaway, Brian Toy, Terry Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM

Status of PE2 Tasks:

SolarFarms NY Campaign for VOL: Moll gave a status update of the VOL SolarFarms NY future campaign. The campaign will need to be approved by the Trustees in a March meeting.

Minutes from 01/21/2021 were approved.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Task force discussed status of draft GHG Inventory document. Toy to provide a final draft in a week or so. Toy is waiting for energy usage information from the Village of Cayuga Heights Wastewater Treatment Plant. TF provided refinements to the draft GHG Inventory. TF is planning on an April 5 or April 19 presentation to the trustees. Toy to leave CCE mid-May.

Carroll explained to Moll how to complete the scoping document for the CEC's approval for the VOL SolarFarms NY campaign.

Carroll asked if the Village might be an early adopter to help with creating a process and template for the GHG Inventory for other municipalities?

Status of PE3 Tasks:

Energy Benchmarking for Government Buildings (Hardaway): Hardaway drafted a resolution for use of Energy Star Portfolio that will be presented to the trustees on March 11 or March 15.

LED Streetlights and Traffic Signals: Waiting for Randy Smith to report the numbers provided by John Courtney.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (Leopold): Leopold notified Hardaway via email that Tompkins County is almost ready to release its EPPP.

Energy Code Enforcement Training (Hardaway/Scott): VOL is still waiting for new classes to be scheduled. Carroll predicts it might be 3Q21 before the class is available.

Status of PE7 Tasks:

TC Hazard Mitigation Plan: Hardaway reported that the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan has still not been released. He will check on status before next meeting.

Sidewalk Policy: Moll led a discussion about Greenwald's work on the Sidewalk Policy. Hardaway will recommend that Greenwald refer to the Greenway Plan wording for help creating the policy

Climate Action Plan: Toy led a discussion about using the VOL Climate Action Plan as a example of how municipalities can create their CAP. This would be presented at a future workshop through CCE. Hardaway will present this idea to the trustees at their next meeting.

PE5 Action Items:

Attendees discussed PE5 action items and potential assignments.

- PE5 Action: Government Solid Waste Audit
- PE5 Action: Recycling Bins in Government Buildings
- PE5 Action: Organic Waste Program for Government Buildings
- PE5 Action: Construction & Demolition Waste Policy
- PE5 Action: Recycling Program for Public Places & Events
- PE5 Action: Waste Reduction Education Campaign
- PE5 Action: Residential Organic Waste Program

Hardaway stated that the PE5 action items would be relatively easy to achieve because the Village is already performing most of them. They would just need to be documented and submitted as evidence.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.