

VOL CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 04/22/2021 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Simon Moll, Ronny Hardaway, Lynn Leopold, Brian Toy, Terry Carroll, and Rachel Zevin.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Status of PE1 tasks

- PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program – Hardaway reported that the Village trustees approved joining the Clean Energy Communities program.

Status of PE4 tasks

- Green Power Procurement Policy: Moll reported that he is waiting to receive information from Solar Farms NY.
- Moll asked the owner of Solar Farms NY to send information on a charging-station company he owns called Juice Bar. This information might help with the Village's potential project for EV charging stations. Attendees discussed the future of EV vehicles and charging stations.

VOL Climate Action Plan

Toy led a workshop to plan the upcoming VOL Climate Action Plan. Village is a test case for this process and will be shared with other municipalities. Toy shared a slideshow on the CAP.

- Role of CCE and Municipality
 - Collaborative process between VOL and CCE
- Overview of Climate Action Plan
 - CAP is a strategy document with an outline of VOL initiatives that guides the VOL to achieve climate-related goals. It is not legally binding. The plan is for government operations only.
 - Toy discussed the elements of the CAP.
 - Workshop 2 will discuss future climate actions and tracking mechanisms.
- Climate Action Planning
 - Toy presented the CAP timeline for the VOL through 2021.
- Discussion about the VOL CAP

- Toy presented current Greenhouse Gas Inventory results and actions for the Village.
- Attendees participated in a brainstorming session to help populate and design the CAP. Toy noted our thoughts for inclusion in the draft CAP content and design.
- Discussions on past/current VOL climate-related actions: Tree Planting Program and future Tree Bank policy/law, energy efficiency in the new VOL offices, food waste dropoff site on Village campus, expansion of VOL park spaces, LED streetlight conversions, LED traffic signal installation, energy-saving elements of new VOL Office, possible VOL EV vehicles/charging stations, VOL Greenway Plan, stormwater management plan, VOL Comprehensive Plan (guiding the Planning Board and trustees with new development projects).
- Toy gathered details on the brainstorming discussion.
- Toy will add these to the draft CAP and will send a document to the attendees for review and future comments (Workshop 2).
- Leopold asked about the VOL GHG captured where the Village's clean energy sources.
- Setting of CAP Goals
 - Toy discussed baseline and target years, setting emissions reduction goals, VOL 2019 baseline statistics regard energy use, impacts of 1% decrease per year, impacts of 3% decrease per year, and impacts of 3.5% decrease per year (NYS goal).
 - Toy and Carroll presented examples of VOL climate reduction measures for the CAP (fleet gasoline usage, private vehicle gasoline usage, and VOL building energy usage).
 - TF members discussed what goal the VOL should set as a goal (within x years.)
 - There was a discussion about setting and tracking energy usage by the DPW department which is the largest user of Village government energy.
 - Preliminary goal was set to be 5% decrease over the next 5 years, 10% decrease over the next 10 years, which takes the Village out to 2036.
- CAP Next Steps
 - Toy to send out summary of previous actions, the slideset from today's meeting, and list of initial goals, and trustees to identify what information we need to flesh out the details.
 - May TF meeting will confirm all of the documented details.
 - June TF meeting will be Workshop 2 discussion.
- Toy requested that the TF members provide feedback to help improve the CAP process.

Rachel Zevin will be taking over for Brian Toy as CCE CEC liaison.

Attendees approved the 03/18/2021 meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.