

VOL CSC-CEC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 06/15/2023 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Drew Riedl, and Jerry Sheng

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

FATHOM Summary

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Introductions and Background @ 0:00

Jerry Sheng, the new Climate Smart Communities Coordinator with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Drew Riedl, a new trustee, were introduced. Ronny Hardaway provided background on the village's work with the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) and Clean Energy Communities (CEC) programs over the past 3 years, including developing a list of relevant action items and working on a natural resources inventory.

Natural Resources Inventory Review @ 9:16

The group reviewed the draft natural resources inventory document, discussing formatting improvements, clarifying the village's location relative to the Salmon Creek watershed, and addressing Lynn Leopold's comments, including adding a reference to a recent Supreme Court decision on wetlands protection.

Next Steps for Natural Resources Inventory @ 1:04:49

The group agreed to send the updated natural resources inventory document to Jerry, who will connect with the Cornell or CCE contact responsible for finalizing the formatting and layout. The document will be provided with tracked changes so the formatting team can easily see and address the comments.

Community Choice Aggregation Discussion @ 1:07:00

The group discussed the status of community choice aggregation (CCA) efforts in the nearby Town and City of Ithaca, noting that they are further along in the process. Drew agreed to reach out to the Ithaca sustainability planner, Hillary Swartz, to request permission for the village's CSC/CEC task force members to observe their CCA implementation process as "flies on the wall" to learn from their experience.

Recap and Next Steps @ 1:17:09

The group summarized the key next steps, including Jerry providing the finalized natural resources inventory document to the Cornell/CCE formatting contact, and Drew reaching out to Hillary Swartz regarding observing the Ithaca CCA process. The group expressed appreciation for each other's participation and agreed to stay in touch for any follow-up questions or needs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.