

VOL CSC-CEC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 07/20/2023 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Lynn Leopold, Jerry Sheng, and Chris Skawski

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

CSC Actions Status

PE5

- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings: Hardaway reported that he created a basic policy. The trustees need to help refine the policy wording, then it can be submitted to NYSERDA.

PE6

- Unified Solar Permit: Hardaway reported that the USP is under consideration and will be included in a new Village Solar Law being developed by the Village Planning Board. Skawski volunteered to assist the code enforcement officer and Planning Board with the Solar Law.
- Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking: Hardaway reported:
 - The SS4A committee selected Cambridge Systematics to prepare the Tompkins County Joint Safety Action Plan
 - The next step is to negotiate the project's exact scope and fee.
 - Cambridge Systematics will schedule a future one-on-one meeting with Village representatives to gather local needs and projects.
 - Village Greenway Plan and Comprehensive Plan address safe transportation and pedestrian goals at a higher level.
- Alternative-fuel Infrastructure: Hardaway reported that his proposed charge-station-standardization concept was, once again, not included in the Tompkins County Shared Services initiative. There was a discussion about NYSERDA's Charge Ready 2.0 program for rebates to qualifying municipalities.
- Natural Resources Inventory: Sheng reported the status of the pre-press draft of the NRI. Guillermo Metz will perform the pre-press editing.
- Leopold raised a discussion of codifying Dark Sky guidelines to reduce Village light pollution and its impact on local wildlife.

CEC Planning

- Unified Solar Permit
 - Hardaway referred to the USP discussion under the CSC status update.
- Climate Smart Communities Certification – Bronze
 - Hardaway reported that the Village's certification is still in process.
- Community Campaigns - Community Solar

- Hardaway reported that the Village needs to coordinate with Altus/Solar Farms NY. Skawski asked if there are local events that might be used as a venue for energy campaigns.
- Community Campaigns - Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency
 - Hardaway reported that the Village needs to coordinate new campaigns.

Additional Topics?

- Hardaway discussed the research of Community Choice Aggregation with City/Town of Ithaca.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.