

# **VOL CSC-CEC Task Force**

## Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, 11/16/2023 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Drew Riedl, Lynn Leopold, Jerry Sheng

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Leopold began with a discussion of deconstruction of existing buildings to reuse old building materials and reduce landfill waste.

#### CSC Actions Status

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##### **PE6**

- Unified Solar Permit: Hardaway reported that the USP is still under consideration by Code Enforcement and Planning Board.
- Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking: Hardaway reported that Tompkins County signed a contract with Cambridge Systematics to manage the SS4A Joint Safety Action Plan creation process. Cambridge Systematics will schedule a meeting with Village representatives to gather local needs and projects.

#### CEC Planning

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- Unified Solar Permit: As reported earlier the USP is under consideration by Code Enforcement and Planning Board.
- Climate Smart Communities Certification – Bronze: NYSERDA has approved the Village's submitted 2022 Clean Energy Campaign results, and the Village is now eligible for \$5K Action Grant. A village letter of commitment was written, refined, and will be approved in an future trustees, and Hardaway and Chris Skawski will work on the application for the grant. The Village should receive the grant within 4 to 6 weeks after the application is submitted.
- Community Campaigns - Community Solar
  - Community Campaigns - Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency: Hardaway reported on a Non-Pipelines Alternative meeting held Nov. 15 at 7PM at the Village Office conference room.

#### Additional Topics?

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- Hardaway and Riedl reported on the status of Community Choice Aggregation proceeding in the City/Town of Ithaca and how it might affect the Village participating in the CCA program in the future.
- Leopold asked about the Food Waste action item. Hardaway reported that he is collecting documentation on when the county recycling center started weekly food

waste drop-offs on the Village Office campus. Leopold volunteered to call the recycling center to see if they can provide the history of drop-offs in the Village.

- Sheng reported on the TCCOG Energy Committee invitation to attend an upcoming meeting on sharing energy-related actions across the municipalities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Hardaway and Skawski spent about 10 minutes after adjournment discussing the Village's application to NYSERDA for the CEC action grant.