

MEETING NOTES

Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, October 17, 2022

Present: Chrissie Pobol-Illum (KnC Worm Farm), Katie Pobol-Illum (KnC Worm Farm), David Englert (mayor), Patricia McKinny (note-taker), Jim Wood (chair), Kim Buell (Town of Sodus Zoning Board of Appeals) and Sandi Hamilton (Sodus village trustee).

SODUS CEC/CSC ON-GOING INITIATIVES (STATUS CHECKS):

- **Wastewater and Water Treatment Improvement Grants: David shared:**
 - ✓ **Phase #1:** \$5000 grant received for work. \$10,000 grant needs more detail, and it will be re-submitted.
 - ✓ **Phase #2: Approved...**\$50,000 will be used for a variable speed blower motor and LED lighting at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- **Future Joint Initiatives for the Sodus & Sodus Pt. Villages: David reported** that there had been no new discussions with Sodus Pt.
- **CSC Bronze Level Process: Jim shared** that the next submission deadline is January 6, 2023. Karen Cline will meet with Rachel Scudder our new CSC Certification contact at Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council along with former rep, Rob Richardson to discuss next steps.
 - ✓ **Kate and Chrissie volunteered** to take photos to document off-street outdoor village building lighting to prove they have been converted to LED lights.
 - ✓ **David will develop/implement** a *Recycling Policy* for the village municipal building.
 - ✓ **David will** clearly outline the village's leaf pick up program on the webpage.
 - ✓ **Annual report on Green House Gas Emissions:** much discussion. **Jim again agreed** to reach out to Rob Richardson and Mouli who created the Village's first one back in 2014.
- **Review Work Chart for CEC Leadership Round 2.0: (David)**
 - ✓ **Work Chart: Jim shared** that the village has earned \$15,000 so far. We are now working on the 3000-point level as we await word on the EV Charging Station *Make Ready* and *NYS/NYSERDA* Grants. **Jim shared** an updated work chart containing more initiatives to work toward receiving more money for the village.

✓ **We need clarification** if the village qualifies for PACE Financing. It appears it does.

COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Sodus Village LED Light Conversion: David shared** all has been fine this summer.

SODUS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY/CLIMATE SMART FUTURE VISIONING:

- **NY Forward Grant: Jim shared** a synopsis of the grant with emphasis on the environmental and climate change related components. **David shared** that he would let us know when word is received on whether or not the village has gotten the grant.
- **Hotel site: David shared** that the recovered toxic oil barrels have been removed from the site. The site awaits final soil testing before the village can progress on development of the site.
- **The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Racial Justice: See NYS Forward Grant** required a focus on equity and several initiatives were included and the grant writing team represented a diverse group of village business owners and residents.
- **Climate Solutions Accelerator Climate Change Program: Fleet Fuel Efficiency Upgrades: Jim & David reported** that NYS has continued the suspension of the NYS fleet bids for the year.

2022 Meeting Schedule (Zoom @ 6:00 PM): Next meeting Dec. 19.

Future (2023): Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19. Summer months TBD.