**MEETING NOTES (abbreviated Zoom notes)**

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

**Present:** Sandi Hamilton (village trustee), David Englert (village mayor), Kim Buell, Jim Wood (coordinator), Patty McKinny (note taker) and Dmitry Liapitch.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sandi shared** information about the commercial *Worm Farm in Sodus.* She also shared that the two owners would like to join the *Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force.* **Jim agreed** to invite them to our next meeting on Feb. 21. The ***Worm Farm***will conduct a presentation about their operation at the May meeting of the Sodus Chamber of Commerce: **Thursday, May 5, 2022 at *Sodus Feeds & Needs***(E. Ridge Road in the old Normandy Inn building).

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

* **NYS Grant for new EV charging stations*:* David reported** that the *Colacino Industries* rep, Norm Waterman, has advocated for the village to act now before the cost of the *ChargePoint EV Chargers* increases by 8% next month. **David reported** that the Village Trustees are not interested in providing the up-front money to move forward before the grant money is secured.
* **NYS****Wastewater Plant & Infrastructure Improvement Grants: David shared** that the Village did receive a letter of non-award from NYS for one of the grants. **He also shared** that Village did receive $900,000 for the WW Plant’s disinfection system. **David shared** that he would rather use the money for fundamental changes at the Plant as discussed at our December meeting so that disinfectant is not needed. **All agreed** that would be the ideal path to follow. Discussion followed about how confusing it was to keep track of the flow of the grant approval processes. **Dmitry agreed** to help with identifying the status of the grants.
* **CSC Bronze Level Certification: Jim reported** no new information.
* **NYS Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container & Loose Fill Ban: The law is now in effect. Sandi shared** that she has spoken to the owners of *Hogan’s Restaurant* and they are in the process of changing their applicable containers (take-out, etc.) to comply with the law.
* **Climate Action Planning: Jim reported** that he had not been able to do more work to prepare the initiative, but that it will require expanding the membership of our CSC Task Force to get the human capital necessary to launch the initiative. **Sandi agreed** to identify several interested participants. **Jim suggested** we each bring a new person to join the committee and **also agreed** to formally invite any interested potential members that are passed along to him. **All agreed** to do so. **We reiterated** the importance of contacting students from RIT’s Sustainability Graduate program to gauge interest in helping out and inquiring to see if any Sodus HS seniors would be interested in aiming their senior projects (or required community service hours) at helping out with such an initiative.
* **Completed Projects:**
* **David reported** that the Sodus Municipal Building’s Interior LED Lighting Conversion Project is 100% complete.
* **David reported** no new information on the Village’s LED Lighting System. It continues to operate well with a few lights needing attention from time to time..
* ***Other old business:***
* ***Municipal Building Roof Replacement Leading to Infrastructure for Rooftop Solar with Energy Storage:*** No action.
* **Main Street Revitalization:** No new developments.
* ***Installation of EV Charging Station Location Sign:*** Slated for Spring, 2022.
* ***Joint Green Utility Initiative with the Village of Sodus Pt:*** NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME.
* ***Our partnership with Climate Solutions Accelerator (formerly Rochester People’s Climate Coalition (RPCC)*:** No update, but David continues to attend their webinars to gain new information and stay connected.

**Next Meeting- Feb. 21, 2021 (6:00 PM) via Zoom**