**MEETING NOTES (abbreviated Zoom notes)**

Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, March 21, 2022

**Present:** Kate Pobol-Illum, Chrissie Pobol-Illum, Sandi Hamilton (village trustee), David Englert (village mayor), Kim Buell, Jim Wood (coordinator), Gary Gatney and Patty McKinny (note taker).

**Welcome: We welcomed** Gary Gatney representing Larsen Engineering. Gary shared his background and talked in detail about the plans for a natural, sustainable, environmentally friendly Sodus Wastewater Plant water filtration process pending grant funding. Gary detailed the use of sand filtration as well as, potentially, red worms to eliminate colloid bacteria as a low cost, energy reducing as an alternative to the increased ultraviolet light method to accomplish the same goal.

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

* **Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round:** **Jim shared that** Kevin Druschel finished the *NY Stretch Energy Code* Training on March 3 and he will check that the completion certification paperwork has been submitted. **David shared** that he has a template to prepare the resolution for the Sodus Board of Trustees to approve the *NY Stretch Energy Code* for all new construction in the village. **David shared** that the Board of Trustees will review at their March work session this week. David anticipates that the public review and board adoption process will be completed and signed into law by the end of May (earning us 1200 *CEC 2.0 Leadership Round* points. **Jim shared** that he contacted the energy broker for the Village of Sodus (with Mayor Englert’s approval) about an *100% Renewable Energy* adjustment to the village’s recent 2/2022 contract with ***Constellation New Energy***as the Village’s energy supplier. The village just entered a new energy contract with *Constellation NewEnergy Inc*. on 2/18/2022. **David shared** that the Board of Trustees will review at the March work session this week for approval.
* **NYS Grant for new EV charging stations*:* David reported** that we are still waiting for word from ValueStack representatives, Bill Gauthier & Jim Bittker, when the state funding is replenished so the Village of Sodus can move forward with grant applications to begin the Village’s EVSE Project.
* **NYS****Wastewater Plant & Infrastructure Improvement Grants: David shared** that he continues to anticipatemeeting with NYS officials again in April.
* **CSC Bronze Level Certification: Jim reported that** he will be meeting this week with **Rob Richardson and Karen Cline** to go through the Village of Sodus’ application to see if we have reached the 120-point minimum so we can submit the application during the current submission window (April 1-4, 2022). Rob has been through the process for the City of Canandaigua’s application and successful designation as NYS CSC Bronze Level Certification. We look forward to his expertise. **Jim also shared that** the *Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round* was distinct from the *Bronze Level Certification Process.*
* **Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round:****Jim reviewed the***Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round Worktable* to date. The first level point goal is 2000 points to receive $5000.
* **NYS Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container & Loose Fill Ban: Jim reported** that *El Rincon Restaurant* is now in compliance in addition to *Hogan’s Restaurant* on Main Street.
* **Climate Action Planning: Jim has** met with *Code Enforcement Officer,* Kevin Druschel, who is working on a *Climate Action Plan,* for the Village of Sodus like the one that he is doing for the Village of Sodus Pt. Jim will include Kevin in future Task Force communications and invite him to present his progress at the April meeting.
* **Completed Projects:**
* **David reported** that the Sodus Municipal Building’s new Interior LED Lighting Conversion Project now includes village building’s exterior and that the Village Municipal Building, inside and out, is lit with LED lighting. **David answered** Jim’s query about whether there are plans to convert to LED in the other Village buildings (wastewater and water plan, pumping stations, etc.). The village hopes that that can be accomplished soon.
* **David reported** all is well with LED Streetlights except for a couple lights on orchard terrace that need a hardware fix. The hardware upgrade is coming soon. **Jim shared** that in the **Bronze Level Certification** process there is reference to an LED Calculator that would earn us Bronze Level points. **Jim agreed** to investigate further.
* ***Other old business:***
* ***Intersection of Environmental Justice and Racial & Social Justice:* David reported that** in his role with the *Wayne Partnership* he coordinates four monthly Foodlink Distribution Centers in Savannah, Butler, Clyde, Wolcott and sodus. The sites rotate. ***For more information, contact David.***
* ***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:*** Still slated for Spring, 2022.
* ***Joint Green Utility Initiative with the Village of Sodus Pt:* Jim shared** a **DRAFT** letter to the Sodus Pt. Village Mayor and Board members inviting all or a representative to join us soon. **The letter was approved to be sent. Jim agreed** to do so tomorrow.
* ***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- April 18, 2021 (6:00 PM) via Zoom**