

**MEETING NOTES (abbreviated Zoom notes)**  
Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, April 18, 2022

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

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

- **Climate Action Planning: Jim has** explained that he and *Code Enforcement Officer*, Kevin Druschel, decided to hold off his visit until our May meeting to allow him more time to work on the *Climate Action Plan*, modifications from the *Sodus Pt. Climate Action Plan* that is serving as a companion plan for the Village of Sodus. **Sandi shared** that she is updating and revising the *Village of Sodus Comprehensive Plan* with the Sodus Board of Trustees. Elements of the eventual *Village of Sodus Climate Action Plan* would be included in the *Village of Sodus Comprehensive Plan*. The goal is for both plans to have a public hearing and then be approved by the Village of Sodus Board of Trustees.
- **Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round: Jim shared** *Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round Worktable (April 17)* and the *NYS NYSERDA SCORECARD* that indicates that the Village of Sodus now has 1500 points which means we are now within 500 points of qualifying for the first grant funds of \$5000. **David shared** that the Board of Trustees approved the add on to convert the *Constellation NewEnergy Inc. (2/18/2022)* to *100% Renewable Energy* and that NYSERDA communicated that we need to provide more documentation to qualify for the *100% Renewable Energy* adjustment. He searched (in real time at the meeting) for the documentation form that NYSERDA sent him, found and sent it on to Karen Cline and Jim Wood for completion. The next step is for NYSERDA to approve the Village Board of Trustees' resolution adopting the NYS Stretch Code. This will earn the village another 1200 points. Coupled with the *100% Renewable Energy (500 points)* we will reach 3200 points which will make us eligible for the \$10,000 level of funding.
- **NYS Grant for new EV charging stations: David reported** that there is no news on funding replenishment yet.
- **NYS Wastewater Plant & Infrastructure Improvement Grants: David shared** that the village has finally received word that the \$50,000 in funds previously granted and then rewritten for wastewater plant improvements has again been approved by NYS. However, the local DEC office does not want the larger \$900,000 grant used for a green, sustainable and natural remake of wastewater processing. The choice is to use chlorine or ultraviolet process wastewater. Both will require increased energy use. Much discussion followed about the state working a cross purposes regarding the *Climate Leadership and Community Protection Law* that puts New York on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality.

Kim will put David in contact with Dwayne Hillficker who has worked with the *ultraviolet wastewater processing process* and knows its challenges.

- **CSC Bronze Level Certification:** Jim reported that he joined David, Sandi, and Karen Cline in a zoom call with Rob Richardson's guidance to review the Village of Sodus' progress to reach the 120-point minimum threshold for NYS CSC Bronze Level Certification. Karen submitted the application to NYSERDA on April 4. We were at 121 when it was submitted. If rejected, we will get detailed feedback for what to rectify for resubmission in the *Bronze Level Certification Process*.
- **NYS Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container & Loose Fill Ban:** We all agreed that we do not need to revisit this in the future.
- **Completed Projects:**
  - ❖ **David reported** that the Sodus Municipal Building's new Interior LED Lighting Conversion Project has had no problems.
  - ❖ **David reported** all is well with LED Streetlights since new model nodes were provided by the supplier and that another light had a loose wire that Colasino Electric Industries fixed within hours. We have received the full points 700 points *Clean Energy Communities 2.0: Leadership Round* process.
- **Other old business:**
  - ✓ **Intersection of Environmental Justice and Racial & Social Justice:** No new information.
  - ✓ **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:** Laurie Verbridge was to attend our meeting to begin discussions but was unable to attend. She will attend the May meeting.
  - ✓ **Our partnership with Climate Solutions Accelerator (formerly Rochester People's Climate Coalition (RPCC)):** No update.
- **Future visioning:**
  - ✓ **David shared** new developments in the village including two new businesses recently opening with two more planned by summer.

**Next Meeting- May 16, 2022 (6:00 PM) via Zoom**  
**Mayor Englert will facilitate.**