

MEETING NOTES

Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, May 16, 2022

Present: David Englert (mayor), Laurie Verbridge (Sodus Point village trustee), Dimitry Liapitch (Larson Engineering), and Sandi Hamilton (Sodus village trustee).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

- **Appoint Note Taker for this meeting in Patty's absence. (Sandi Hamilton)**

- **Welcome Laurie Verbridge (Sodus Pt. Village Trustee):** open discussion envisioning future opportunities for joint green initiatives for the Villages of Sodus/Sodus Pt. **Laurie mentioned** working on benchmarks to send to Emily Rose. She also shared that Sodus Point has applied for 10 EV charging stations. There is a problem with the lighthouse since it is a residential area. **David expressed** our desire to work with Sodus Point jointly on initiatives.

- **Welcome Kevin Druschel (Village of Sodus Code Enforcement Officer):** Kevin has agreed to attend Sodus CSC Task Force meetings periodically. He also will share his draft *Climate Action* Plan with the Task Force when it is completed.

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

- **Wastewater and Water Treatment Improvement Grants:** **David gave** an overview of the grants to upgrade the Wastewater/Water Treatment Plants. He explained that we have received the approval from NYSERDA to convert our \$50,000.00 CEC grant from its original intent (energy reduction renovations in the Sodus Municipal Building) to improvements the Wastewater/Water Treatment Plants. The Village of Sodus awaits the disbursement of the money from NYSERDA.

- **CSC Bronze Level Process:** **David shared** that we are still awaiting the NYSERDA evaluation of our application. We are one of four municipalities in the state who have contracted with a producer for a 100 % renewable electricity program. The Village of Sodus now receives green energy under a contract with Constellation. The approval of the village's documentation of contracting for 100% renewable energy has earned the village 500 points in the CEC Leadership Round 2.0. The village has now have earned over 2000 points and will receive \$5,000 from NYSERDA. We are need 900 more points to reach level 2 and qualify for \$10,000.

- **Review Work Chart for CEC 2.0: (David)**

- ✓ **Review successes and next tasks on the Work Chart: David** gave a quick review.
- ✓ **Sodus Village Lot & Highway Barn EV Charging Stations: David** reported that we are “on hold” for new EV charging stations. Eventually, 4 will be installed at the village barn and 2 more at the village parking lot.

COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Status of EV Charging location signage and installation plan: David** shared that the sign installation in the park at the corner of East Main Street and Gaylord Street has been completed...HUZZAH!!!! (**David**)
- **Village LED lights:** The conflict over who is responsible to pay the outstanding bill from Ubiquita is still unresolved between Ubiquita, Colacino Electric and the Village of Sodus.

SODUS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY/CLIMATE SMART FUTURE VISIONING:

- **Sodus Hotel site: David** explained that **last week’s surface work at the site** was to smooth out and seed **the area**. The plan remains for the underground fuel tanks at the site to be removed this summer.
- **The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Racial Justice:** No Report.
- **Climate Solutions Accelerator Climate Change Program:** No Report.
- **Other :** Laurie asked if there is anything on which we can work. The Village of Sodus has expressed a desire to work with Sodus Point on common initiatives. David suggested a solar farm in the future and the building of a utility company.
- Laurie asked Dmitry for a list of lighting vendors. She said she would get information to him. Dmitry commented that they were at the end of the process for LED lighting projects.

2022 Meeting Schedule (Zoom @ 6:00 PM): Next meeting June 20, 2022.

Future: July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct.17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.