

MEETING NOTES

Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, September 19, 2022

Present: 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):

- **Future Joint Initiatives for the Sodus & Sodus Pt. Villages:** David reported that there had been no new discussions with Sodus Pt. However, inter-community *synergy* was an important part of the *NY Forward Grant Proposal* (see more below) and was addressed. Note: NYS has recently granted Newark \$10 million for *Community Revitalization* and Sodus Pt. \$4 million for Climate Change Resiliency and other upgrades. Sodus Pt. has also applied for a NY Forward Grant.
- **Wastewater and Water Treatment Improvement Grants:** David shared that the next steps *UV Disinfection Grant* for the Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant are the *Letter of Intent* and *Project Proposal*. David shared the \$50,000. NYSERDA grant money and \$15,000 from our CEC Leadership Round 2.0 progress can be used for further upgrades at the plant including conversion to LED Lighting and new high efficiency blower motors.
- **CSC Bronze Level Process:** Jim shared that the next submission deadline is the end of 2022. Jim will update the *CSC Bronze Level Certification To Do Table* for us to review to discuss what we need to earn further points. Rob Richardson, our Clean Energy Communities (CEC) contact at Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council to guide our next application deadline on Dec.1, 2022.

To be discussed at our October CSC Meeting: how to proceed on our commitment at the June 2022 *to contract with someone with technical skills and time to do the* annual energy GHG benchmarking and reporting. *The Village of Sodus should contract with someone with that skill to do the work each year to the facilitate annual energy GHG benchmarking and reporting*, because it is important to guide our Climate Smart Community priorities (and worth many certification points to help us proceed to *CSC Silver Level Certification*).

- **Review Work Chart for CEC Leadership Round 2.0: (David)**
 - ✓ **Review successes and next tasks on the Work Chart:** Jim shared that we need 800 more points to **reach the 2000-point level to \$5000**. That will be accomplished when we complete the new EV Charging Stations at the Village Highway Barns and the Village

Municipal Parking Lot. Bill Bittker, Jim Wood and Karen Cline have been working on the NYS/NYSERDA Grants and Karen & Bill will be submitting the final proposal this week. The new EV Charging Stations are the last item on the *Work Chart for CEC Leadership Round 2.0*. **Jim agreed** to construct a new work chart containing more initiatives to work toward receiving more money for the village.

- ✓ **Sodus Village Lot & Highway Barn EV Charging Stations: See CEC Leadership Round 2.0 Work Chart Report** (above) for details.

COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Sodus Village LED Light Conversion: David shared** no new problems.

SODUS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY/CLIMATE SMART FUTURE VISIONING:

- **Sandi and David shared** information about the Village of Sodus' submission to NYS for a *NY Forward Grant (\$4.5 million)*. The Village formed an ad hoc grant committee of Main Street facilitated by Sandi Hamilton & David Englert, Main Street business owners/agency directors, the CSC Task Force Coordinator, and others to develop the grant. A public hearing has been conducted to garner resident input. The grant includes several components (job creation, housing infrastructure improvement, beautification, environmental improvements, carbon footprint reductions and property enhancements along most of Main Street. The final grant will be posted on the Village of Sodus webpage and will be submitted within a few days after all *Letters of Support* from area NYS government representatives, local business owners and others are received and revisions/improvements are made to the vision statement and design mapping based on pre-submission review by NYS.
- **Hotel site: David explained** that the underground fuel tanks and other hazardous material have been removed. Now the recovered toxic oil is stored in barrels on the surface awaiting safe removal from the site to an appropriate NYS waste facility. The project then will be certified as completed clearing the way for site development proposals.
- **The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Racial Justice: See NYS Forward Grant** discussion for details. It is one of the important components of the grant's purpose that has been addressed by the *Sodus Village NY Forward Grant Proposal*.
- **Climate Solutions Accelerator Climate Change Program: Jim shared** that current programs appear to be targeting larger communities.
- **Fleet Fuel Efficiency Upgrades: Jim reported** that NYS has announced that no Weight Level 1, 2 or 3 alt. fuel trucks are available to communities on state bid at this time.

2022 Meeting Schedule (Zoom @ 6:00 PM): Next meeting Oct. 17, 2022.

Future: Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.