

Town of Jay Climate Smart Task Force --- 05/02/2024, Community Center, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Participants: Knut Sauer (Chair), Wally Walters (Recorder), John Culpepper, Lana Gokie, Tyler Eaton, Robin Licari

On-line (Zoom): Olivia Dwyer, Katie Culpepper

Absent: Jennifer Perry

Handouts (email): Agenda, Conference Announcement (28th ADK Research Consortium 16-17 May 2024 on Climate Change)

1) Call to Order (Knut S) 5:05 pm.

- deferred action on review of minutes from 24 March meeting

2) EV Chargers: (Knut S)

- awaiting FEMA review of alternate location

- still pending DEC contract & customer funding for location prep

- submitted paperwork for code approval

3) Municipal Building: (Discussion led by Knut S)

- benchmarking: energy audit complete

- Highway Dept garage lights replacement by LEDs with NYSERDA support

- town community center in queue for replacements

4) Community Campaign Update: Solar: (Knut S)

- campaign up & running: hard to get feedback

- can't get solar credits from two sources

5) Community Campaign Update: Heat Pumps: (Knut S)

- have 5-6 inquiries; having 5 would give \$5K grant

- various problems with NYSERDA

-- J. Culpepper noted need to still do whole house (\$40K)

-- rebates oriented to installers; some lower prices to reflect this, taking incentives for themselves. (Original purpose was to expand the number of installers.)

6) Community Campaign Update: Electric Vehicles: (Knut S)

- 7-8 letters to dealerships went out (Thanks to Lana!) signed by Matt Stanley; sent two weeks ago; awaiting responses

7) Bronze CSC Certification and CEC 3.0: (Knut S)

- hundreds of things exist which can enable getting points (website)

- Knut has put together an initial spreadsheet of various items

- July 5th deadline for submittals in this cycle

-- need 120 points for Bronze certification; have 50-60 points

-- our potential right now is for 175 or so points

- NYSERDA CSC would need 3000 points by September (application deadline for 2024)

8) Town Energy Fair: (Knut S.)

- may be useful to have broader event: a community open house

- not ready to conduct by 15 Jun and do it well

-- decision to defer from June date and focus on Bronze certification effort for 5 Jul deadline

9) Other: (Knut S.)

- Jay Comprehensive Plan Update (Wally):

-- town has received grant from DEC for \$66,690 with town to commit up to \$10K

-- won't have the money before August; will be issuing RFP for consultant; earliest possible public kickoff will be Fall

-- climate & infrastructure will be a major theme and involve the Climate Task Force as a working group, likely with some expanded membership to hand infrastructure issues too

- ADK Research Consortium conference on climate change announcement for 16-17 May

10) Next Meeting: Friday, 31 May 2024, 3-4 pm

11) Adjourned at 6:30 pm