

Town of Jay
Climate Smart Community Task Force
MINUTES recorded by Knut Sauer
July 19, 2024 @ 1 pm

Attendees: Robin Licari, Matt Stanley, Knut Sauer. John and Katie Culpepper attempted to join but had poor cell phone signal.

- A. Community Sustainability Energy Fair (joint with Keene)- September 14th 10 am – 3 pm, at JEMS.

Based on feedback received via email about the lengthy name of the event, a discussion was held and while “Community Sustainability Energy Fair” is an appropriate title, it is too lengthy and difficult to advertise. It was agreed to shorten it to “Clean Energy Fair.”

- 1) Outreach-Poster distribution assignments: Olivia working on initial “save the date” poster, draft looks good, some suggestions for edits made. Once ready will be circulated via email for posting. Olivia, do you think we could have revised poster by end of July?
- 2) Press Release: Matt Stanley to write press release from Supervisors office, due 8/2/24.
- 3) Jay News Post: Knut to do Jay News Posts-first with save the date poster and second with press release, followed by reminder posts as we get closer to date.
- 4) Update on Vendors: So far about 8-10 vendors signed up, Ward Lumber, various contractors, Della Auto Group, Compost for Good, Energy Advisors/ANCA. Knut to ask Lana to reach out to other car dealerships, and Tyler to local farms and nurseries. Knut to reach out to some additional vendors, and also working with Ward Lumber on reaching out to their supplier. Need to ask Keene on ideas of local vendors from their end and get further ideas from committee for additional vendors. We need to reach out to potential vendors quite soon to ensure we have a good range of vendors.
- 5) Sponsorship: We are offering 3 levels, \$250, \$150, and \$75. So far, we have \$1075 confirmed, with a target of \$2,000 to cover entertainment (Music, Kids activities,) and food and refreshments).
- 6) Food and Entertainment: We need to hire a music band, roughly \$500, any thoughts of a good band? Kids entertainment, i.e. clown \$350, other low cost kids activities?. Stewarts Ice Cream and Coffee-ask for donation/sponsorship, Snacks/water etc. purchased from supermarket,
- 7) Seminars: 20-30 minute seminars inside the theater. ANCA/Cornell Energy Advisor, Compost for Good, Heat Pumps, Solar Panels, EV Vehicles

- B. Solar Panel project: Exploratory quote for a 60kW system to be installed on the highway garage roof would cost the town \$87K less the \$50K NYSERDA Grant that is pending. Bid Spec’s and bid to be written by Essex County Community Resources and Matt will reach out to them. Town Board to vote on motion to go out to bid on August 8th board meeting. After bids have been received and opened, the town board can decide if they want to proceed with the project.

C. Review of Minutes from June 28 meeting, and brief updates on initiatives.

1. EV Chargers: No news from FEMA
2. GHG Reduction-LED lights/Steam Pipes in Community Center: Projects awarded and expected to be done in July.
3. Campaigns: No updates. Need review by town attorney re: Community Solar Campaign “consultant” agreement. Matt to follow up with town attorney-asap as we need agreement to decide which Community Solar providers to invite to fair.

D. CEC and CSC points/status update: No update

E. CSC 3.0 and Bronze CSC Certification Updates: No Update

F. Other.

G. Next Meeting August 16th at 3 pm: Very Important meeting focused on Clean Energy Fair