

Climate Smart Task Force
Hillsdale, New York
Minutes of Meeting
Date: 06/15/2017

Attending: David Lewis, Robina Ward, Paul Duernberger, Tom Carty, Bob Kessler, Howard Van Lenten, Howard Henward

Absent: Steven Bluestone, Dave Lewis

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Carty at 5:00 PM. Minutes from the 02/23/2017 meeting were motioned for approval by David Lewis and second by Robina Ward . Minutes were approved by those in attendance.

Tom Carty asked those in attendance to review the status of each of their task items. All \$100,000 state grant money has been allocated. Seven \$50,000 grants are still available to communities that complete a minimum of 4 task items. The status of these task items are as follows:

1. Aggregation task item – Howard Van Lenten reported that Hillsdale should join other local communities in order to complete this task item. Howard agreed to coordinate with neighboring communities to complete this task item.
2. Benchmarking task item – Robina Ward reported that last three years of energy bills for the town have been entered into a database. Energy reduction goals have to be set and current energy bills are being entered into the database. Essentially this task item is completed.
3. Clean Fleet task item – David Lewis reported that bids are required for the installation of 2 charging stations at the Town Hall parking area.
4. Clean Energy Training – Paul Duernberger reported that all training sessions have been completed and certificate of completion should be issued on 06/16/2017. This task item will be completed as of this date.
5. LED Lighting – Howard Henward reported that 59 street lights are being considered for LED conversion. Following purchase and installation, a 75% reduction in energy billing could be achieved. Purchase and installation costs could be minimized by coordinating with neighboring communities.
6. Solarization task item – Bob Kessler reported that a minimum of 10 names of Hillsdale residents interested installing solar panels is required. Bob will investigate using an online survey on the town website/newsletter to acquire these names. A summer town meeting for those interested in solar panels using a group rate will be scheduled.
7. Special Solar Permit task item – Tom Carty reported for Steve Bluestone that the Town has adopted a Special Solar Permit form. This task item is accomplished.

All other task items do not apply to Hillsdale due to the size of the community.

Tentative Next Meeting: late summer 2017, at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Paul Duernberger, Secretary:
