

Climate Smart Task Force
Hillsdale, New York
Minutes of Meeting
Date: January 6 2018, 9:00am

Attending: David Lewis, Hank Henward, Howard Van Lenten, Bob Kessler, Steve Bluestone, Robina Ward

Absent: Paul Duernberger, Tom Carty

Meeting began with reading of minutes from the last meeting in June 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to have a general discussion on the expenditure of the \$80,000.00 grant we would receive after the completion of 4 tasks.

Hillsdale is the only Town in Columbia County at the moment to be named a Clean Energy Community.

Robina opened the discussion stating that Tom and Robina had attended a meeting with Greg Mumby and Robyn Reynolds on December 13, 2017 to discuss the rough ideas for the grant application.

Our suggestions were:

To install solar panels at the highway garage on the roof and to have freestanding poles on the right side.

To purchase and change all the lights fixtures in the light district with LED fixtures and lights.

Robina stated that they were advised by Greg and Robyn that the LED light fixtures would be the key component of the grant followed by the solar installation.

There was a general discussion on LED lighting for the Light District, the Town Highway Garage, Town Hall parking lot and Town sign lighting. Steve suggested changing the light bulbs downstairs at the Town Hall to LED's. Robina said that some of the LED bulb cost, such as downstairs in the Town Hall would be covered in the current budget.

The installation of solar on the highway garage roof and side panels was discussed and the possible use of 2 acres of landfill for a solar array.

Steve mentioned that there was approximately 6.7 acres of land belonging to the Town of Hillsdale alongside the sewer plant, that it was wet but not designated wet lands and maybe suitable for a community – municipal solar project.

Hank asked about the Firehouse for solar panels, Robina informed the committee that the Firehouse was owned by the Fire Company and was not owned by the Town. The Fire Company is researching the possibility of installing solar panels on their roof to offset the cost of their electrical use.

Steve suggested that we look into changing from oil to electric burners for the town's buildings.

To install back up battery power in the case of a blackout.

Depending on the costs for the changing over to LED lighting in the Light District and the Highway Garage and to install solar at the Highway garage it was agreed that this is where we should focus the expenditure of the grant.

Meeting closed at 10:15 am.