

September 29, 2015
Hastings-on-Hudson Municipal Building
8pm

Present:

Committee Members: Kerry-Jane King, Haven Colgate, Ron Cascone, Jean Hamerman, Sharon Kivowitz, Andrew Ratzkin, Elisa Zazzera.

And: Dan Lemons, trustee liaison; Peter Swiderski, mayor; Linda Whitehead, Village attorney.

Residents: Leslie Barbagallo, Patrick Bell, Alan Bigelow, James Dean Conklin, Jorge Lepre (?), Carina Piaggio, Sabine Reichert, Coco Zordan.

Linda gives an overview of old Conservation Commission charter and revised one, adopted at last BoT meeting, September 15th.

1) Dan gives an update on Solarize Campaign. Doug Hertz of Sunrise Solar has been selected as designated installer.

Launch: opportunity to enrich the event with other sustainability initiatives of interest to the community, such as energy audits and promoting residential energy efficiency.

Launch opportunities for volunteers:

setup, takedown

outreach - FNL, farmer's mkt, flea mkt

solar home tour: organizing, contacting, identifying (can the buildings dept help here?)

2) Andy gives an update on Complete Streets and municipal training October 29th, Orr Room 10am.

For municipal employees and related boards and commissions; could apply to 4 annual credits for Planning Board.

3) Peter gives an update on Community Choice Aggregation

We may not be able to get in round 1 bc of timing, but if not will get into round 2.

4) Kerry-Jane reported that she, Jean and Haven attended Climate Smart Communities conference last week, where Kerry-Jane presented on the Green Building Code.

NYSERDA Cleaner Greener grants available through Greenburgh for communities that do: GHG inventory, Green Fleet policy (right-sizing, electric and hybrid vehicles, no idling, etc), PACE financing, and adopting NYS unified solar permitting (involves pricing, review processes etc). (If we just do universal solar permitting, we can apply for a \$2,500 grant. If we do all, we can apply for a grant for \$25k to \$250k, with 25% matching funds.)

5) Solid waste textiles project: Jean gives an overview of the idea for textile reclamation bins.

6) Public Comment period:

Coco Zordan brought up whether recycling code is enforced.

Sabine & Jorge had questions about solar: does solar raise your homeowners' insurance?

There is a specific exemption for solar in NYS not to add to the value of your house so it does not increase your taxes (however, upgrading windows for better insulation does!).

Announcements:

Andy attended a meeting in New Paltz on a state carbon tax.

Ron: Center for Sustainable Development is seeking a real building; please come to our events and support us. C4SD.

Bell brought up solar-powered compacting garbage cans. He will send info to Kendra and CC.

Carina asked about Hillside Woods: not in good shape.