

CSC Task Force Meeting May 26, 2020  
Minutes

Brad Dunn, Mary Beth Murphy, Joe Cerratani, Ion Simonides, Mary Lambert, Rafael Zaratzian, Anjali Chen, Jean Hammerman, Haven Colgate, Spencer Waert, Iris Hiskey Arno, Ann VanBuren (public)

Approval of minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting

**Procedure for future meetings:**

- Raf will send out links to meetings on secure Zoom lines
- Meetings will be every two weeks on Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- The public will be able to join via general link

**Natural Resources Inventory:**

Anjali reported that the NRI is just about done and will be sent this week for review to the Conservation Commission, Parks and Rec, Natalia Barry (Head of Hastings Historical Society), Morgan Fleisig, and a few others who helped with various sections. After all the stakeholders have a chance to read and comment and comments have been integrated, Mary will submit the NRI to the board of trustees. The adopted resolution will earn us two points.

**Bronze resubmission:**

- We received 63 more points—even more than we expected. Our current total is 276, which is only 24 away from the required 300 points for silver
- Our heat emergency plan was singled out as an example for other villages to study
- We may resubmit in June for points on the brownfields (Tappan Terminal West, Exxon Mobil site)—once we get some clarity on a few issues including some confusion about the certificate of completion letter which isn't in the data base of the DEC

**Silver Submission Progress:**

There are four items ready for final review

1. Lighting upgrades
2. Advanced vehicle
3. HVAC upgrade—not sure if the library upgrade is still w/in time frame and meets necessary level of energy efficiency. We will submit and see if it counts
4. Green vendor fairs: We planned the fair but couldn't do it because of the pandemic, Dazzle said we should submit what we had. Not a definite commitment that we will get points. Mary will add the list of vendors who were supposed to come. Discussion of crediting them on Village website—not a sales pitch. Mary and Brad will show Mary Beth what they were considering.

Commitments to proof them: Spencer (advanced vehicles), Haven (interior lighting upgrade), Alison (green vendor fair), Jean (HVAC)

**Bike racks:**

We have them at the pool, Zinsser, and JHCC. Mary Beth has ordered three more for Draper, Uniontown and ?. We can get two points for new bike parking. Discussion of timing of new bike racks. Mary will write up the new ones we have and upload photos when we get them plus add the purchase order which Mary Beth will send her.

**Green concrete:**

This falls under innovative actions. A green concrete resolution was passed by the board. Ion will work to have an educational webinar for village staff, members of the public. Ion is working with Niki on this.

**Climate change education and engagement:**

Friday, May 29 at 12:30, there will be a Zoom presentation and Q & A to village department heads. Spencer will give a talk on the history of climate change and what's coming. Then there will be a few slides about the impact on Hastings and how departments can work with the CSCTF. This could be a larger group than the vulnerability meeting attendees—invitees include Parks and Rec, Youth Advocate, Narcotics Department, library, DPW, fire, police, EMS, etc.

**Vulnerability assessment:**

Working on publishing results of survey

Ion, Mary, Brad and Mary Beth did a zoom meeting with DPW, fire department, police, and EMS on hazards coming our way due to climate change. It touched on which assets are at risk in Hastings. There was a lot of input from staff, including talk of when the Sugar Pond dam broke.

Ion and Mary are working on report from temperate tool and will add input from the emergency team meeting to have done before the public meeting (June 3, led by Kate from ICLEI)

Ion has prepared the background info at beginning of report, including what the assessment is, various tools, etc. Next he will bring in specific graphs and explain them

**New items:**

- Mary removed the climate vision because we are in a good position in terms of points to get to silver w/o it and there are some complication re the vulnerability assessment, The climate vision will be better with the climate action plan
- Put on Financing Program for Building Energy Efficiency—Niki heard about it and got excited —clean energy financing program. Mary will send out info, can get loan to do energy efficiency upgrades for business buildings—helps building owners be

able to afford these changes; approved for letting it be allowed in building CPACE ) commercial property assessed clean energy; worth 7 points

- Added NY stretch—new forward looking EE standard that allow municipalities to get to next level of EE code actions ahead of time . . .a way to leap frog ahead and implement goals that will be coming next year—have been in touch with Dazzle and they are considering adding it, fits in well with green building code PE . . good candidate for PE 11 (innovative approaches to existing CSE action—green building code)—could be 5 points, needs to be tied to green building code

- Send to Climate Task Force so people can look and give input so everyone is on board and have been amply reviewed and feedback  
Brad will send materials to volunteer readers and cc to everyone—anyone who can look at it would be great

Anjali note to NRI crew—public input paragraph, she spoke to Niki and added a paragraph and hopes people will look at it . .in the intro