

## Working Group Minutes, August 19, 2019

Present: Leslie Barbagallo, Haven Colgate, Paul Harris, Fatou Jabbie, Spencer Weart

Meeting convened at 8:05 pm

**HeatSmart** Barbaglio led discussion

- Event launch date at JHCC second half of September. A Sunday afternoon might get the best attendance- Sept. 22 if the Community Ctr is available.

- Application of \$50 donation from Sustainable Westchester for each HOH Heat Smart install. Could let homeowner pick a non-profit to donate the \$50 to, but that could be difficult to administer, better that we choose — maybe give half to Friends of the Library, half to volunteer fire service, or let homeowner pick between them.

- Weart and Jabbie reported that the Dobbs Ferry Hastings committee chose all three of the vendors who bid to work on the program. One vendor does all services, one does only air-source heat pumps, one does only home energy efficiency (insulation etc.). **Bruni & Campisi** is the big, all services company, **Phoenix Mechanical Corp.** does air-source heat pumps, and **Energy Management Solutions** does home energy evaluation and retrofitting. The latter two are small and cannot do a lot of customers at one time. Note that **Dandelion Geothermal** was already selected as the sole vendor for ground-source heat pumps. NYSERDA will be running the publicity, with community events, ads, etc, but we need to work on the launch meeting etc.

- Colgate pointed out that permitting can be a serious bottleneck. We should get the Building Dept. involved, for example in the launch — ask Buddy to come and talk?

- NYSERDA provided tools (e.g., a sample event agenda) and a timeline. In particular, the village should issue a press release Aug. 30 and we should use the Hastings River Fest Sept. 7 as a “tabling opportunity”

**EV charger ribbon cutting:** Still need permanent signage, and should ask DPW to buy a stencil and paint the pavement appropriately. Weart will discuss this with Joe Cerratani to prod action; Barbaglio will send Weart info on what’s been done/needed.. Could have the ceremony during Drive Electric Week (Sept. 14-22), 14th probably best. Use it also to inform people of the HeatSmart launch shortly after. Publicize in *Enterprise* and mayor’s email (Barbaglio), and 10706 Facebook page (Weart).

**OLA Study:** Harris has been collating comments and responses. The recommendation tables will be revised and put in a spreadsheet. This will help figure changes for possible rates

changes. Final report comes in Aug. 29, meeting with them on Sept. 5. Should check whether the payback periods and proposed changes are realistic E.g; Village Hall boiler replacement with heat pumps will need actual bids.

**Climate Smart Communities:** Colgate and Weart reported that public meetings have produced a crop of volunteers. Levi has been doing the bulk of the work towards compiling information for bronze certification. Most of the necessary work has been done — the OLA report is a big help in accumulating points toward certification — we mainly just need to document what we've done. Next step, in Spring, will be pushing towards silver certification.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30