Minutes from
Climate Smart Communities Task Force Meeting

Present: Beth Haddock, Haven Colgate, Niki Armacost, Mary Lambert, Spencer Weart, Ray Hyland, Charlie Shipman, Mary Beth Murphy, Susanne Forsingdal

The meeting was conducted in accordance with Executive Order 202.1. As such, the meeting was held virtually via videoconference using the ZOOM platform, with no public participation in-person; however, all public comments prior to the meeting were heard via email at climatesmart@hastingsgov.org.

1. Minutes (approval; notetaker this month)
   - Beth Haddock kicked off the meeting by requesting the approval of minutes from prior meetings. The minutes from the June and the September Climate Task Force meetings were approved with all members present in favor.
   - Minutes for each meeting will be shared via google docs with the Climate Task Force and once accepted will be shared on the HOH website.

2. Discuss Subcommittee
   - Mary Beth Murphy agreed to join the Buildings SubCommittee as a participant.
   - Mary Lambert has agreed to join the Adaptation SubCommittee and per request can participate in other sub-committee meetings as well.
   - Lisa Liquori agreed to join the Transportation SubCommittee.
   - Ray agreed to be lead on the Adaptation SubCommittee.
   - Before next meeting on November 17 each SubCommittee should meet to agree on next steps.

   - Beth Haddock suggested that SubCommittees enter any information they wish to share with the group via the google drive, which she has set up for the CSC Task Force:
     - Monthly SubCommittee reporting:
       https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZATuYP2aBSiKUBXEM4_HZQ2-IJKJGqX7?usp=sharing

4. ICLEI Template: Review and discussion
   - The template has been saved here:
     https://docs.google.com/document/d/14W7dwwthABJmfcqVp41q83ZU29sknac/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108835108948255680016&rtpof=true&sd=true
   - Niki Armacost has separated each of the relevant sections for each of the sub committees and these will be shared with the group.
5. Other Business

- Susanne Forsingdal asked who each SubCommittee should address question to with regards to the progress of the CSC Task Force up until now, including projects which have already been determined to be non-viable.

- Mary Lambert suggested that the SubCommittees aim to collect questions before addressing those to Mary Beth Murphy. Mary also suggested that each SubCommittee uses a common type of template to collect ideas, which will make it easier to prioritize between projects. In the past the ideas have been organized in a spreadsheet. Mary will share the spreadsheet listing items that have come up as ideas, but which have not yet been acted on. There are no actions which are half way executed. Beth Haddock will look into setting up a template for each SubCommittee to use going forward.

- Mary Lambert underscored that The Climate Adaptation Plan should stand on its own and hopefully be implemented in time. The visioning process has already been performed and future work should be built on this. Mary also referred to the past practice of having liaisons from Parks & Rec and the Conservation Committee, which would be relevant for this CSC Task Force in the future as well.

- Niki Armacost made the point that we should not forget the set of actions, which have already been performed, but which need to be updated in order to keep points current. Niki will seek input from other municipalities on future actions that would make sense to get done in Hastings on Hudson as well.

- Niki briefly described Community Choice Aggregation, which is an opt out arrangement for municipal buildings. It would be an aspirational thing to have all energy at municipal buildings come from sustainable sources.

- Niki also underscored the importance of securing community participation, for instance through input gathering sessions, which can be documented. The Climate Vulnerability process could act as an example. In this case a survey was the basis for a meeting, and the conclusions from this were listed on the village website. It would be particularly important to engage vulnerable and student members of our community.

5. Next Meeting – Nov 17, 2021