Sodus Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Monday, June 17, 2019

**MEETING NOTES**

Present: Kim Buell, David Englert, Jim Wood, Sandi Hamilton, Matt Johnson and Patty McKinny.

Guest: Ram Shivastrava, Larsen Engineers

1. **Climate Smart Community Bronze Level Planning**

**(https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/actions)**

* **Jim shared** a list of the documents necessary for evidence for each category with the evidence needed to verify completion of each category. The Bronze Level is easily within reached based on accomplishments to date plus those pending completion.
* **David agreed** to review the list to determine how best to gather the needed evidence to qualify for Bronze Level CSC status.

**3.) SODUS CLEAN ENERGY/CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:**

* **Municipal Building Energy Reduction Renovation:** **David** **shared** that the project is stalled while some IT issues are resolved. Haylee Ferington continues to work with NYSERDA on our behalf and communicate with Karen Cline.
* **LED Street Light Conversion Project:** **David shared** that the contract with RealTerm has been signed and forwarded on to the NYS Public Service Commission for final review. RealTerm is moving the process forward and the village has chosen the SMART LIGHTING SYSTEM option that allows for day to day operational flexibility in lighting intensity based on village needs. **David anticipates** that the conversion process will start in mid-October (about 8 weeks).
* **Fisher Assoc. South Village Drainage Report:** Nothing new. **David shared** thathe continues to talk with CVS parking lot owners on how best to slow water run-off with “green” infrastructure recommendations. **Ram shared** the ***Give a Gift to Nature*** program taking place in Rochester which is a U of R/Gandhi Institute Green Infrastructure Innovation initiative that is working with a couple churches to “green” their parking lots. **Ram agreed** to send information to David.
* **Village Solar Project:**
* **Matt shared:** The Sodus Municipal Building roof installation review by solar contractors revealed that the roof will need substantial structural repair before it can host any solar panels. **Ram shared** information about new technology for energy storage from small site based solar that can replace the need for generators in case of power outage.
* **Matt agreed** to research small site based solar energy storage and **report the findings** at the next meeting.
* **David expressed** need to pursue Community Solar as well. **Ram agreed** to send a template to David that invites solar suppliers to bid to provide village alternative (GREEN) energy. The template includes language requesting energy and costs savings as the central features of a bid. It could be a generic public announcement or could be sent to known companies.
* **Ram also** provided other innovative ideas like solar tubes.
* **Discussion followed. Key features in the discussion** were the feasibility of the Sodus Village Sewage Treatment Plant Property (adequate 3-phase transformer power nearby) and Green’s Hill Village Water Reservoir Property as an option especially if the contiguous farmland might be available for purchase.
* **EV Charging Station**:

1. The EV Charging business/organization survey: *three surveys have been returned.*
2. Installation of the EV Charging Station location signage will await completion of the Mill Street repaving.

**5.) OTHER:**

* Sue Hughes Smith, Rochester People’s Power Coalition (RPCC), has asked to attend a future Task Force Meeting to discuss items of interested. ***No invitation has yet been extended to her yet***
* **EV Charging Station monthly consumption data** was discussed.
* **Matt shared** that he hasn’t had time to assess the Rte. 88 pumping Station Building for insulation needs.

1. **Next meeting:** **Sept. 16. Followed by Oct. 21, Nov. and Dec. 16.**