

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 39

**Resolution to Create the Claverack Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force
and Establish the Role of the Climate Smart Coordinator**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 9th day of December 2021 at the Town Hall, NYS Route 217, Mellenville, New York, and virtually via ZOOM, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Brian Keeler;

Seconded by: George Duntz.

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack took the NYS Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Pledge in August of 2020 and appointed a volunteer Climate Smart Coordinator, John Bradley; and

WHEREAS, the CSC program is designed around 10 Pledge Elements comprising the Certification Framework to reduce emissions, mitigate and adapt to Climate Change, and promote resilience and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, an essential step in working toward certification for the town's Climate Smart Community Program is to establish the Climate Smart Communities Task Force and elaborate the roles of the Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, since the August 2020 resolution, volunteers were recruited using announcements on the Town website, requests at Town Board meetings, informational posts on various social media websites, and word of mouth; and

WHEREAS, because of these efforts, more than a dozen volunteers have been functioning as a Climate Smart Communities Committee to implement multiple Climate Smart Actions within the Certification Framework, including the Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Town Operations, Clean Energy actions, Climate Action Planning (Path to Bronze), renewable energy options and a Solar Campaign, and

WHEREAS, summaries of the meetings of this committee and copies of its reports to the Town Board are posted on the Climate Smart Committee Page of the Town Website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town Board of the Town of Claverack establishes the Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) with the following roles and responsibilities:

1. The CSTF serves in an advisory role to the Town Board in supporting the Climate Smart Pledge commitment and places emphasis on achieving Bronze Certification; and
2. Reviews all CSC recommendations for presentation to the TB; and
3. Participates in the Climate Action Planning and supports the process of documentation and submittals for qualifying actions completed; and
4. Provides guidance to volunteer committees concerning work on the CSC pledge elements' 'actions'; and
5. Serves as liaison within Claverack and represents the Climate Smart Community interests in the broader community, and
6. The composition of the Task Force should include a Town Board member or staff person, the CSC Coordinator, the chair of the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) when/if formed or a representative of a conservation/environmental organization, the Town's representative on the Environmental Management Council, and other stakeholders from the community; and,
7. Membership on the Task Force is voluntary and can be by Town Board appointment; and,
8. Members should have a commitment to the purposes of the NYS Climate Smart Communities program, a strong interest in environmental issues such as conservation, mitigation of climate change, and sustainable development, and a willingness to volunteer on 'climate actions';

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Claverack defines the role of the Coordinator to include the following:

1. The Coordinator serves as liaison between the Task Force and the Town Board and represents all projects requiring Town Board approval; and,
2. Organizes and coordinates Task Force activities, including implementing Climate Action Planning and volunteer project actions, committees; and
3. Participates and facilitates the completion of the certification process through documentation submittals to the CSC portal for actions completed; and,
4. Conducts or organizes research and grant writing to support town activities under the actions for the various Pledge Elements for Certification; and
5. Interfaces and liaises with other entities in the broader community with whom collaboration or partnering is advantageous so as to fulfill Claverack's Climate Smart Pledge; such entities would include but not be limited to other CSCs, Columbia Land Conservancy, Community Development Corporations, Public Libraries, and various government entities such as the NYSDEC, NYSERDA, and the NYS Climate Smart Communities office.

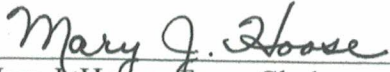
Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Claverack Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Clifford Weigelt _____ ;
Kathleen Cashen _____ ;
Stephen Hook _____ ;
Brian Keeler _____ ; and
George Duntz _____ .

The following Claverack Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition,
thereto: None _____ .

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Claverack.

Dated: December 09, 2021



Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
Town of Claverack