

Attendance: Katy Cashen (TF), George Duntz (TF), Tom Ferguson (TF), John Bradley (TF)
Notified: Anya Bonnano, Elizabeth Davis, Katy Flammia, Cherry Lewis, Jeff Kiplinger (TF), Tom Helling (TF), Sarah Katan (TF), Vic Masters, Julie Shevach, Dave Sutton, ImreVargas, Richard Weininger, Marion Wiener, Thomas Paino;
A Task Force quorum was present but no action was taken.

Meeting was opened at 6:10 PM.

The Meeting Summary of the Feb 14 meeting was accepted as distributed.

An update on the Solarize Claverack was given. The launch has been delayed while waiting for the completion of the County MOU with the two vendors and setting up the Info and Sign up website. The two vendors are Nexamp, owned by Mitsubishi and Neighborhood Sun, a B-Corp with operations in Penna, Md, and NY

Town Hall and Town Square Planning -

John reported a communication from the Philmont CSC that “it is imperative that Philmont participate in the town hall planning process based on the intra town tax structure”. They will be sending a letter from the Village Board to the Claverack TB to “express the need for sustainability and energy conservation in the planning process... and that the concept of ‘civic pride’ should also be expressed in the design of both the structure and its surroundings’.

The NYS's EPF Parks grant program was explained and discussed. Based on John's discussion with a landscape architect's experience with the program and a phone call with the capital district administrator, it appears that Claverack could be a viable applicant. The grant program involves a series of small preplanning and planning grants and one large implementation grant not to exceed \$500,000. The town would require professional assistance in preparing an application, which would be due in late June, with the award announcement in September. Even an early stage grant application requires that a robust planning process be underway. (<https://parks.ny.gov/grants/parks/default.aspx>)

The EPF Parks grant program would be particularly appropriate for the development of the public space Park part of the town hall site development. The grant criteria excludes structures in the grant so has the potential of supporting the broader Town Square site development for the scenic area around the creek with access to the High Falls Conservation area.

County CSC Update:

The County CSC Climate Carnival schedules for July 16 at the Fair grounds was explained and discussed. A question was raised about the possibility of a partial opening on Friday so that the summer day campers could attend as part of their camp programs. John agreed to follow up with the coordinating committee.

Climate Action Planning and Certification:

John reported that Tom and Julie had produced a new folder in John's Drive to reorganize the ongoing documentation that has accumulated over the past 18 months of the CSC's activity. The drive will be reviewed when Tom and Julie return from California and we can start working on documentation to submit for certification points. George and Katy expressed their appreciation for this follow up and noted the importance of these steps.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes by John Bradley

Original Agenda for March 14

- Solarize Claverack launch
- Marketing/Media
- Town Hall and Town Square Planning -
- County CSC Update
- Climate Action Planning and Certification: (if time permits)
- Other business Full Actions List - PDF of the Dec 2021 Action