

Town of North Hempstead
Climate Smart Communities

Task Force Virtual Zoom Meeting #3

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 2 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mindy Germain, President Eco Leap

PRESENT:

Elected Officials	Town Staff and Consultant	CSC Task Force Members
Jennifer DeSena , Supervisor Veronica Lurvey , Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte , Councilwoman	Meagan Fastuca - Environmental Specialist; Planning and Environmental Protection Michael Kelly - Executive Director of SWMA Wes Sternberg - Planner; Planning and Environmental Protection Mitch Pitnick - Secretary to Commissioner of Finance, Town Board Erin Molyneux - Aide to Councilwoman Dalimonte Eileen Kraneberg - Executive Assistant to the Parks Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Joseph Canzoneri Jr. - Plans Examiner, Building Department Mindy Germain - CSC Consultant Sarah Oral -PE, LEED AP BD +C, Civil Engineering Director Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP	Patricia Katz (Patty) Jael Ferguson Jean Celender Rosemary Mascali Stephen Cipot Harriet Becker Patrick Farrell Carol Frank

Public Attendees: Daniella Zandi- resident; Julie Prisco- Anton Media Group

- I. Meagan Fastuca, Town of North Hempstead Environmental Specialist welcomed the task force to the third meeting and gave a special welcome to the Town’s new Supervisor Jennifer DeSena. Eileen Kraneburg was also introduced, who will replace Howard as the Town’s Parks and Recreation representative, along with members of the public.
- II. Mindy Germain, CSC Consultant, reported on the Town’s draft six-part public engagement plan that will be submitted for 17 points: 8 (plan)+ 3 (workshops) + 3 (web page) + 3 points (social media):
 - a. A short survey to measure concerns and priorities among constituents in the Town has been drafted in collaboration with NYIT professors and will now be reviewed internally by the Town.
 - b. The Climate Stories Workshop to facilitate a dialogue about climate change is scheduled January 26th from 6:30 – 8PM. Task Force member Patty Katz, will be sharing her Climate Story as part of the program.
 - c. A comprehensive stakeholder list to help broaden outreach now includes 133 contacts from Town villages, non-profits, civics, libraries, schools, universities, outreach centers, food banks and religious institutions.
 - d. A Climate Action Web Page is on the Town’s Website at northhempsteadny.gov/climateaction
 - e. A Social Media campaign is on the Town of North Hempstead-Government Facebook page.

f. Public Events on the topic of Transportation and Drinking Water are slated for 2022.

III. Megan Fastuca reported on additional in-progress CSC Actions that total around 115 points, approaching the 120 points required for bronze status. The CSC program requires three priority action items be included: the Climate Action Plan, Green House Gas Inventory, and the Public Engagement Plan (including events).

- a. The Town is still inputting data for the GHG inventory; using 2019 data instead of 2020 since it is more reflective of Town's energy use (before covid)
- b. The Town is still drafting and editing Climate Action Plan and will also need to incorporate the GHG inventory results when it is complete
- c. The Town released the Buy Green/Buy Local campaign addition to the Town's Small Business spotlight and asked the committee for outreach support.
- d. Joe Canzoneri completed Energy Code Enforcement Training in December. This action has been submitted for 5 points
- e. The Town is currently working on a Bike Share program with PedalShare and the hope is that the program will be running by May 1st.
- f. The Town is working on a contract with Blink to provide EV charging stations in the Town.

IV. Megan Fastuca led sub-committee updates:

- a. Sub-Committee 1 had a planning meeting on November 22 to begin working on an organics management plan focused on education and outreach strategies for source reduction of food waste and feeding hungry people. These are the two most important issues in the EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy. The committee is collecting tips and infographics to provide information on how the consumer can prevent food waste to promote on social media, and through local stakeholders, press releases, and flyers. With help from Stephen Cipot, the committee is thinking about how to reach businesses. Michael Kelly explained a new DEC food scraps law that went into effect this year. Jael Ferguson and Jean Celender are reaching out to local food banks to find out what food is needed and how residents can donate food locally, so it is not wasted. The committee will meet again in a couple of weeks.
- b. Sub-Committee 2 met on November 30th and Rosemary Mascali provided details on a free series being planned in collaboration with regional transportation partners to help residents reduce traffic and emissions.

- **Don't drive (yourself crazy) BINGO** Wednesday February 16th at 7PM – *Virtual*- Facilitated by Transit Solutions who is Co-Chair of the Car Free Day LI collaboration. Participants will learn why local transit options are better than ever through a fun game of virtual BINGO.
- **Walk or Bike North Hempstead!** Wednesday March 23 at 7PM – *Virtual*- Facilitated by Let's Move LI, a collaboration spearheaded by USGBC-LI's Sustainable Transportation committee to promote active transportation. Participants will discover North Hempstead's shop and stroll scenes, walking and hiking trails, and bike opportunities.
- **Electric Vehicles 101** Wednesday April 12 at 2PM -*In person* Facilitated by Drive Electric Long Island, a collaboration by USGBC-LI's Sustainable Transportation Committee to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles. Residents will uncover the basics about electric vehicles with a panel of experienced EV owners and an EV Show and Tell.

Rosemary clarified that the EV workshop will have both full electric and plug in hybrid vehicles.

- c. The committee is hoping to plan a water conservation workshop in the spring.

- V. Michael Kelly, Commissioner of Solid Waste Management, gave a presentation on the Town's recycling program to help the committee explore future recycling education to residents. His presentation included:
- a. What is recycled in N. Hempstead: glass, plastic #1 and #2, metal, cardboard, paper and yard waste.
 - b. Electronics are accepted at resident drop off.
 - c. Household chemicals, paint, aerosols, bulbs, hazardous batteries, etc. are collected at STOP events.
 - d. What the recycling processes are
 - e. How to prep (clean) recyclables
 - f. Which areas within the Town are run by the Town's SWMA

Other items Michael clarified: plastic bags are not collected by the Town (some grocery stores collect them), proper bins, and how things are separated. There are currently no restrictions on Styrofoam use in the Town.

Meagan suggested a follow up meeting among interested task force members to discuss recycling public education.

- VI. No new business was discussed.
- VII. Meagan announced next meeting is scheduled for April 5 @ 2PM
- VIII. Meeting was Adjourned at 3:06 PM