

## **TOWN OF CLINTON CSC TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES – August 27, 2024**

The August 27, 2024 meeting of the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Task Force was called to order at 7:03 pm. Committee members and guests in attendance were as follows:

Eliot Werner, Deputy Town Supervisor & CSC Task Force Representative

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force Chair

Jean McAvoy, CSC Task Force Member

Jack Persely, CSC Task Force Member

Richard Marshall, CSD Task Force Member

Ken Pickett, community member

### **Introduction**

Joe Phelan introduced the evening's meeting agenda and asked members if there were any questions or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting of July 23, 2024. With no questions raised, the minutes of the July 23, 2024 meeting were accepted by acclamation of the Task Force members in attendance.

### **Clinton Community Day Arrangements**

Arrangements for the upcoming Clinton Community Day on Saturday, August 31, 2024 were discussed and finalized, as follows:

Richard Marshall and Jack Persely will set up at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am event start. Joe Phelan will be travelling from NYC to Clinton that morning and is not expected to arrive until later that morning. He will join Richard when he arrives and Jack Persely will depart to attend to other non-CSC Task Force obligations at that time.

Joe and Richard will work the CSC Task Force booth, adjacent to the CAC booth until 4:00 pm, at which time they will pack all of the materials (flyers, Bronze application posters, easels, table, chairs, pop-up) and take these items offsite for use at other events/opportunities. Jean McAvoy will be travelling and will be unavailable to assist at Clinton Community Day 2024.

### **Potential Town of Clinton Composting at Town of Clinton**

Further discussion occurred regarding a proposal brought to the CSC Task Force several months earlier by Town of Clinton resident Judy Malstrom. The CSC Task Force had agreed to conduct a walk-by survey of visitors to the CSC Task Force booth at the August 31 CCD event, in terms of potential interest and support. A one-page Composting survey, drafted by Joe Phelan for that purpose, was reviewed, and suggestions were made, to be reflected in the final survey instrument for use at CCD. Results of the walk-by survey will be shared at the next CSC Task Force meeting on September 24, 2024.

### **Potential New Members for the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force**

Following previous discussions about recruiting new members for appointment by the Town Board. Eliot Werner had provided the Task Force with the names of several Clinton residents who had expressed potential interest in volunteer service related to the goals of the CSC Task Force.

Along with an additional individual who had attended a past recent CSC Task Force meeting, Joe Phelan reported having reached out to these individuals to determine their possible interest in their involvement with the local environmental service work with which the Task Force is engaged. Two of those individuals, Ken Pickett and Jim Metcalfe, had previously responded in the affirmative regarding their interest and availability to serve the Clinton community in this capacity.

In the absence of further input from the current CSC Task Force members, Joe will follow up with Ken and Jim to answer any further questions they might have, and to finalize their interest before making recommendations to the Town Board for appointment at the September 10, 2024 Town Board meeting.

### **Bronze Certification Review and Status Update**

Joe Phelan reported that The Town of Clinton is awaiting notification of a decision from the DEC regarding the Town's application for Bronze Certification submitted on July 11, 2024 by Cornell Cooperative Extension's Anna Harrod-McGrew on behalf of the Town of Clinton. Based upon previous Bronze certification review cycles, it is anticipated that the Town will not receive notice of a determination until early Fall, likely in September 2024.

### **Clean Energy Communities Grant Funding**

As a follow-up to the July 2024 notice of availability for a \$10,000 CEC grant, the Task Force will work with Elizabeth Sun, the Hudson Valley Regional Council's Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, to access information regarding allowable Clean Energy Communities-related projects/purchases with these grant funds, and to request her assistance in completing the grant application prior to the October deadline date. It appears that, depending on the cost, two items of potential local interest, an EV charging station and an assessment of the Town Highway Garage for greater energy efficiency recommendations, might be eligible under this grant, depending on cost estimates.

### **Future Planning**

The Task Force briefly discussed working toward completion of the Municipal Climate Action Plan, with the assistance and support of Eleanor Peck of the Hudson Valley Regional Council. This work was begun this past year, but was unable to be completed prior to the submittal of the Town's Bronze Certification application in July. A Zoom meeting with Ms. Peck on this topic has been scheduled for early September 2024.

The next meeting of the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Clinton Masonic Lodge. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force Chair