

Minutes of the Joint Village Board of Trustees and Town Board Meeting held at the Town Office on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dennis Dickinson, Supervisor
Dan Hurley, Councilperson
Marisa Muratori, Councilperson
Nancy Standard, Councilperson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vinnie Crocitto, Councilperson

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Dan Barusch, Jim Yienger and Greg Mumby of Climate Action Associates and others.

At 5:30 p.m. Dan Barusch, Chairman of the Go Green Committee opened the meeting and gave a brief history of the evolution of the Climate Action Plan. He noted that in 2017 a \$25,000. matching grant was awarded allowing them to go out to bid to get a consultant to work with them on developing a Climate Action Plan. The consultant selected was Climate Action Associates, LLC. Jim Yienger and Greg Mumby are here to present the draft of the Plan. It is the Committee's goal to have the Boards review the draft, and possibly adopt the plan, and begin implementing some of the strategies put forth.

Jim Yienger and Greg Mumby began a slideshow presentation outlining the framework of the plan including: understand the problem, mitigate climate change and prepare for climate change. He reviewed the primary GHG (Green House Gas) sources from both the Town and the Village broken in to four categories: Facilities/buildings, Street Lighting, Fleet Fuel use and other. The Committee came up with strategy for long-term reduction goals and ranked them. One of the suggestions for reduction was to use heat pumps powered by 100% clean electricity. Although the old Waste Water Treatment Plant was one of the highest users, the new one is energy smart, but heat pumps may have been a viable option for the new facility. As far as Street Lighting, the goal is to convert to 100% LED lighting, which the Village accomplished this year. Other options for reductions were reviewed as well and included, but were not limited to: Town Caldwell Sewer District modernization, Village Water Treatment Plant, which is a large consumer, to complete recurring energy audits every five years, possible shared services for Town and Village Highway garages, and vehicle inventory and right sizing. They continued the review and discussed preparing for climate change, climate impacts and vulnerabilities, and climate adaptations. In summary, they reviewed goal and strategies.

Dan Barusch then opened the floor for questions and answers. It is his plan to put the draft document online for a 20-day public comment period, with the Boards possibly considering adoption of the plan at their December meetings. He pointed out that it has been the Go Green Committee's goal for the two municipalities to become a Certified Climate Smart Community, which they've been working on since the Committee's inception. By adoption of this Plan, the Town and the Village will each have accumulated enough points for the certification. They will be the first two communities in the Adirondack Park to get that designation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Purchasing Agent, Village Clerk