Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 29, 2021

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; Amanda Rodriguez-Demaria, Ascend Collaborative Development; Mark Wilber, Montour Market; Todd Knobbe, CCE Schuyler CEC Coordinator; Marissa Nolan, CEC Food Waste Educator; Eva Milstein-Touesnard, Energy Intern; Michelle Benjamin, Schuyler Hospital Community Relations; Katherine Herleman, WSP USA, Inc; Elaine Dalrymple; Carol Mikoda; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Ryan introduces Eva Milstein-Touesnard to the committee as the Village’s Energy Intern. Eva is currently a Cornell University student and will be assisting the Village with sustainability initiatives in the energy sector.

Amanda Rodriguez-Demaria discusses the current round of the CFA cycle with just four weeks left before the deadline. The Village will be pursuing nine grants for the following seven projects:

**Decorative Street Lighting**

* Funding from: Empire State Development and CDBG
* Follows the Complete Streets Lighting Plan and Regional Strategic Plan
* PE6 Action: Complete Streets Policy

**Downtown Building Renovations**

* Main Street Funding, put in for up to 4 downtown buildings
* Follows the Regional Strategic Plan
* PE6 Action: NY Stretch Energy Code

**Village Hall 2nd Floor Renovations and Elevator**

* Funding from: Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
* Follows the Regional Strategic Plan and Government Operations Climate Action Plan
* PE3 Action: Clean Energy Upgrades

**Bernies Bridge Replacement**

* Funding from: Trail Program
* Follows the Regional Strategic Plan and Government Operations Climate Action Plan
* PE6 Action: Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking
* PE7 Action: Conserve Natural Areas

**Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan**

* Funding from: Department of State
* Follows the Regional Strategic Plan
* PE8 Action: Green Economic Development Plans
* PE7 Action: Conserve Natural Areas and Several Other Actions may be added

**Owego Street Stormwater Improvements**

* Funding from: Environmental Facilities Corporation for Owego Street Stormwater
* Funding from: Department of Environmental Conservation as part of the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program
* Implementation Grant - Education Campaigns and Owego Street Stormwater
* Climate Smart Communities Program, the Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and the Government Operations Climate Action Plan
* PE7 Action: Watershed-based Flood Mitigation Plan and PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement

**CSC Planning/Areawide Climate Institute**

* CSC Certification
* Climate Smart Communities Program and Climate Vulnerability Assessment
* PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

Amanda Rodriguez-Demaria notes that each grant will need letters of support submitted by July 15th, 2021, spread the word. She will finalize a boiler plate letter and distribute for convenience.

Goals for this Quarter: Quarterly update from Montour Market

New Grants report

Community GHG Inventory close out

Walking path

Next meeting will be scheduled in late September 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk

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