Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting December 18, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Amanda Rodriguez, SCOPED; Mark Wilber, North New York, LLC; Phil Cherry, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Schuyler; Jessica Westlake; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting began at 10:00 p.m.

Chairman Ryan quickly reviews the Village of Montour Falls Climate Smart community scorecard, had 33 points totaling from:

Creating a Climate Smart coordinator and task force

Inventory Emissions with a plan for climate actions done

Greenhouse Gas Inventory done

Decrease energy use by completing interior lighting upgrades, outdoor lighting reduction

Energy Benchmarking Government Buildings done

Fleet Inventory done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and cost

Environmental Purchasing Policy authorized by Village Board

Energy Code Enforcement training attended by Dean Hillyard and Ross Spallone

Battery Storage training attended by Dean Hillyard, Ross Spallone, and James Ryan

Clean Renewable Energy – Green Power Procurement policy adopted by Village Board

Use of Climate Smart materials management – Construction and Demolition Waste policy also adopted by the Village Board -focus on reuse of any materials possible, enforced by Code Dept.

Unified Solar Permit completed early on

Complete Streets Policy priority item in place

Alternative Fuel Infrastructure – EV Station included

Natural Resource Inventory done by Cornell Cooperative Extension

Farmers Market already in place prior and invaluable to the community

Energy Reduction Campaign – climate related public events, action website, and ties to social media regarding sustainability

Chairman Ryan acknowledges the necessity of quarterly meetings for the committee.

Chairman Ryan would like to post the Village’s Bronze Certification signs. Idea to make them portable to reach a greater amount of the community.

The future vision is to maintain the Climate Smart Community status and also take steps to move forward. One of the ideas is to address is a Heat Emergency Plan, look at funding to purchase mist-ers and identify cooling stations, ex. Library, Fire Dept., Human Services Complex. In the future, consider the purchase of an electric truck for use by the DPW.

Katherine Herleman remarks from the Harvest Festival Ceremony in which Montour Falls was awarded the Bronze Certification for being a Climate Smart Community.

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Chairman Ryan states that LED light replacement has started in the Village and will be complete by the end of December 2019. They are replacing 700+ fixtures, our figure was 320.

Amanda Rodriguez states that the two Complete Streets Grants will be announced tomorrow.

Phil Cherry was interested in a bike path, and funding possibility.

Jessica Westlake requests assistance from the group with the Sustainable Library Initiative. The costs may hinder the process

Chairman Ryan

Katherine Herleman

The Sustainability Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 in the Village Hall Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk

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