

## **Climate Smart Committee of the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton Minutes, Aug 19, 2020 7:00 pm**

Present via zoom: Carol Gable, Coordinator; Steve Bellona, Clinton Mayor; Garry Colarusso, Kirkland Deputy Superintendent; Shirley Knop; Alan Cole; Aaron Strong; Liseli Haines; and Meredith Callahan; Steve Orvis, Kathy Collett.

**Yard Waste:** Steve Orvis presented written summaries of existing yard waste programs for village and town which both pick up and deliver to single site on town property. The waste is turned into mulch available to the public for use. In order to receive CSC credit, yard waste must be picked up at least twice a year and information about yard waste program and pickup must be made available to the public. The village and town's current programs qualify for CSC credits so Steve will fine tune the summaries and forward to appropriate personnel to update village and town websites. Shirley recommend that town consider letting residents know approximate dates that waste will be picked up. Discussion on Food Waste was tabled for future meeting.

**Social Media:** Alan presented the information this subcommittee recommends be added to village and town websites regarding CSC Program and Taskforce. It was agreed that this information is a good start and next steps are to develop a separate CSC website. Once developed, a link to it should be added to village and town webpages. Alan will reach out to employees responsible for maintaining village and town websites to get information on CSC added/updated for now.

**GHG Inventory-** Aaron and Meredith met with Steve Bellona to work on preparing calculations of the village's carbon emissions using utility bill data entered to Portfolio Manager. They shared reports and it was noted that the wastewater treatment center uses a significant amount of energy and is largest source of carbon emissions by far. The village's total emissions have decreased dramatically since streetlights converted to LED in 2019. Aaron and Meredith will work with the town to get their energy data loaded to Portfolio Manager so that energy use reports can be produced and used to calculate the town's carbon emissions.

Aaron also reported that his fall classes will use this data and begin working on vulnerability assessments for village and town in September.

**Kirkland Solar-** Garry spoke with the Office of Climate Change about the state's USP and the town will begin using the USP for residential solar installations of 25 kWh or less. The town will require its standard building permit for larger solar installations. This will be included in the drafted solar regs to be discussed at the town board meeting scheduled for Aug 26.

**Kirkland CEC Items-** Carol reported that the only two outstanding items to complete Kirkland's certification as a Clean Energy Community are an annual report of energy use from the Portfolio Manager system and Kirkland's USP. Aaron will coordinate with town and students to get data from town's energy bills loaded to the Portfolio so that annual report of energy use can be obtained. Garry will forward USP drafted for Kirkland to Carol when it's available.

**Kirkland CSC Resolutions-** The town needs to pass resolutions appointing the CSC taskforce and coordinator. The village did this last spring and the town will do at its next meeting scheduled for Aug 26.

**Complete Streets-**Kathy has sent some emails to get a meeting with Kirkland Trails and other interested parties organized. Kirkland Trails had previously drafted some recommendations regarding Complete Streets and walkable communities which was included in the village/town application for an economic development grant (DRI). These will be revisited.

**Other Matters-** Steve Bellona reported that he is planning to gather member of various community groups to begin developing a long term plan for the village and representation from this taskforce welcome. The taskforce strongly supports and happy to participate.

The taskforce's next meeting will be on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. Carol will send out a zoom invite.