

Town of North Hempstead
Climate Smart Communities

Task Force Virtual Zoom Meeting #4

Tuesday April 5, 2022, 2 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mindy Germain, President Eco Leap

PRESENT:

Elected Officials	Town Staff and Consultant	CSC Task Force Members
Jennifer DeSena , Supervisor Veronica Lurvey , Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte , Councilwoman	Meagan Fastuca - Environmental Specialist; Planning and Environmental Protection Michael Kelly - Executive Director of SWMA Wes Sternberg - Planner; Planning and Environmental Protection Mitch Pitnick - Secretary to Commissioner of Finance Erin Molyneux - Aide to Councilwoman Dalimonte Eileen Kraneburg - Executive Assistant to the Parks Commissioner Mindy Germain - CSC Consultant Sarah Oral - PE, LEED AP BD +C, Civil Engineering Director Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP	Patricia Katz Carol Frank Jael Ferguson Jean Celender Rosemary Mascali Stephen Cipot

Members of the public: Paul Merkelson

- I. Meagan Fastuca, Town of North Hempstead Environmental Specialist welcomed task force to the fourth meeting and provided the following updates on in-progress CSC actions:
 - a. Public engagement underway with Eco Leap assistance:
 - i. A draft Public Engagement plan has been internally reviewed by the Town and sub-committee 2
 - ii. A draft ToNH Survey to measure perceptions of Climate Change within the Town is being reviewed by the Town as well as sub-committee 2
 - iii. The Climate Stories Workshop was successfully completed in January, with over 50 participants of diverse backgrounds. Spanish translation was offered and appreciated. Sub-committee 2 is now working on collecting stories through website and tabling at upcoming events.
 - iv. Two of three Transportation Innovation Series workshops have been completed:
 - February: *Don't Drive Yourself Crazy* focused on public transit options in the Town.
 - March: *Walk or Bike North Hempstead* focused on active transportation, including walking, biking and shop and stroll routes in North Hempstead downtowns.

- The final EV101 is scheduled for April 12 at 2 PM at Clinton G. Martin Park. Rosemary Mascali has led the effort to secure speakers and car dealers for the show and tell.

- b. The Climate Action Plan draft is in progress, Sarah Oral recently reviewed and provided good comments/feedback. The next step is to have Town review internally.
 - i. The GHG inventory has been completed and data was input into the CAP, results will be shared with the task force after internal review.
- c. Councilwoman Dalimonte reported on bike safety education, a bike rodeo safety event April 27th for young riders, and a new bike share program with Pedal Share coming to North Hempstead in May, the first in Nassau County. The bike share sponsor is Bethpage Federal Credit Union and the locations will be the Port Washington LIRR station, Town Dock, and Manorhaven Beach Park.
- d. The Town is still finalizing a contract with Blink for eight dual charging stations to be put on Town property.
- e. A North Hempstead Organics Management Plan is in progress and will focus on education and outreach on preventing food waste and donation of unwanted food.
- f. Recycling education- a video is being created that will educate residents on how to properly recycle in the Town.
- g. The Town is looking into working with NYPA to implement the following clean energy projects on Town property: solar and storage, energy efficiency, and electric fleet planning.
- h. Next submission date for CSC actions is July 8th

II. Megan Fastuca and CSC Consultant Mindy Germain facilitated updates from sub-committees one and two:

a. Sub-Committee One

- i. The Town's Organics Management Plan is in development. A special thanks was given to Jean Celender and Jael Ferguson for their valuable research and contributions to the plan which aims to:
 - Build awareness that food waste is one of the largest generators of GHGs, 30—40% of food is wasted each year, 43% of that is at the household level.
 - Introduce strategies, local resources, and inspirational work in TONH to reduce food waste, prioritized using EPA food hierarchy: #1 Prevent, #2 Donate, #3 Divert:
 1. Prevent – Four focus areas: Smart shopping, storage, reducing food thrown out, restaurant strategies
 2. Donate: A list of food pantries/banks in ToNH
 3. Divert: Tools and Education for home composting as well as collaborating with Transition Town to educate residents of their community compost pile at the Long Island Science Museum where 7,000 lbs of food has been composted since 2020.

Once plan is finalized, information, programming and resources will be shared via website, social media, events, and Town publicity.

ii. Recycling Education: Following Michael Kelly's presentation in January, the Committee is working on a "Recycling 101" video to help residents understand how to properly recycle in the Town. This will be in the form of a short video PowerPoint presentation with text and photos.

b. Sub-Committee 2:

i. The Town's draft Public Engagement Plan was shared, and elements of the plan were reviewed: purpose/goals, target audience, survey to identify vulnerabilities, public events, use of website and social media.

➤ Survey distribution was discussed, including:

1. Social media
2. Email blast to stakeholders
3. Town's e-newsletter
4. Press release
5. Public events
6. Paper copies at community centers/ libraries- with link to take survey electronically
7. Councilmember newsletters

➤ Stephen Cipot felt that because of the importance of the public survey to help develop the TONH's Climate Action Plan that all members of the CSC task force be included in the discussion and recommended that the Draft Survey be distributed to all CSC members for review and comment prior to the final public version. After a brief discussion the recommendation was approved.

ii. The Water conservation workshop is in planning and a draft flyer was shared.

➤ Workshop to be moderated by Councilwoman Lurvey. Panelists include: Sam Adler, a student dedicated to water conservation, Sarah Meyland- a professor at NYIT and Founder of Water for LI who is very active in the realm of aquifer conservation, Mindy Germain, a local water commissioner in touch with local trends for water use in our region and Town Environmental Specialist Meagan Fastuca works on sustainability programs.

➤ Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday May 17 at 7 pm virtually on Zoom and will be publicized via a press release, local stakeholders, and social media.

III. The following new business was raised:

- a. Patti Katz asked about general CSC outreach strategies, how we can get more people engaged. Everyone agreed we need to keep working towards expanding outreach. Sarah cautioned about being clear about what the Town is working towards vs. what we have achieved.
- b. Stephen Cipot requested the survey probe feelings about future development within flood prone areas.
- c. Stephen Cipot offered to ensure Lakeville Estates Civic Association is distributing North Hempstead CSC information
- d. Stephen Cipot suggested the committee take a field trip to Jones Beach Alternative Energy Center. Town to look into having our July meeting there.
- e. The Committee thanked Supervisor Jennifer DeSena for being so actively engaged in the committee's work. Supervisor DeSena invited committee to a Manhasset Clean Up on Earth Day.

IV. Meagan Fastuca announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 2PM

V. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM