



Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

January 10, 2013 AGENDA

2:00 PM

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Jonathan Rouis, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

Call to Order

Attendance

Reports:

1. SASD Monthly Report/ Update on CAP/ Travis Retrofit - Dick Riseling
2. Agricultural Planner Monthly Report- Jen Mall
3. Update – DPW
4. Agricultural Advisory Board- Update on Working Groups

Presentation:

1. Municipal Wind Project

Discussion:

1. Red Meat Plant Update/ Specific HVAB Initiatives- Jennifer Brylinski
2. Status of Dairy Processing Grant/ Farmland Protection Grant Recommendations
3. Possible CCE Farmer Program Linking to County Property
4. Microenterprise Grant Program- Plan Review of Program

Resolutions: None

Public Comment

Adjourn

OSE Activities Report for January 10, 2013

Reporting on December 2012 activities

Energy Management for SC Facilities

- Continuing to work with SC DPW to identify energy efficiency upgrades for SC buildings and facilities within parameters of the capital budget
- Working to further develop and refine the Liberty Energy District project.
- Continuing to map potential sites for large scale PV for county and municipal deployment .
- Stephen Stuart and Kristin Porter (DPW) escorted LED lighting experts through the Travis Building and the lobby of the ACC (which is anticipated to have an LED lighting retrofit in the lobby as part of the HEAL Grant). At Travis, our group was advised that ballast and lamp retrofits were being done throughout the building.

Recommendation: All such lighting work should be documented and submitted to NYSERDA for possible reimbursement under the Existing Building Pre approved Measures. Invoices must be submitted within 90 days of purchase with the proper application. Submissions can be on-going.

SC Climate Action Plan

- CAP Advisory Board met December 14th, 2012. Meeting notes are attached.
- The Advisory Board formed an ad hoc committee on lighting with Pat Pomeroy, Larry Richardson and Stephen Stuart. OSE will possible demonstration projects for bulk purchase of LED lights for street lighting districts in SC towns and villages.
- SASD's Energy Apprentice, with support from SC Planning and Real Property staff, researched and mapped existing SC and regional transportation resources, towards creating background data for CAP recommendations on transportation issues.
- Advisory Board approved a standing committee on Education and Outreach, with Anne Willard, Ninon Hutchinson and Carol Roig
- Will continue to schedule town presentations in early 2013.
- Tusten launching community campaign this month.

MHRP

- Dick Riseling has continued to represent Sullivan County in the MHRP energy working group.

Other Projects

- Dick Riseling continues to work with two Sullivan County dairies to develop cheesemaking capabilities.
- OSE staff continues to provide assistance to SC residents/access to audits and applications for low-interest loans through Green Jobs/Green NY.

County Contract

- Stephen Stuart and Carol Roig met with Heather Brown and Kristen Porter on December 14 and are now drafting contract language for 2012. Working to specify DPW priorities.

Energy Efficiency "Concept of the Month"

- "Net Zero" Public School in Bowling Green, Kentucky

Carol Roig

Stephen Stuart

SASD on behalf of the Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy

Ag Planner Projects:

Dairy Processing RBEG: Grant administration and coordination of proposal evaluations. One proposer has withdrawn her proposal. The remaining proposer has furnished additional information to the evaluation team, which will meet again soon to continue the evaluation and determine next steps.

Microenterprise Assistance Program: Continued administration of ag projects and processing of draw requests.

Sullivan County Farmland Protection Planning Grant: I have drafted a revised scope of work for review and approval by NYSDAM. Working with the Ag Advisory Board to ensure that high priority projects and initiatives are incorporated into the plan update, and planning a meeting of the Ag and Farmland Protection Board to discuss the project. Regular communication with NYSDAM to ensure compliance with the grant program.

Red Meat Processing Facility: Equipment RBEG has been assigned to the IDA. Continuing to work on Ag LDC dissolution. Attending IDA Board meetings to stay informed of progress on the red meat facility and assist wherever necessary.

Farm Visits: Farm visits during December in support of the Microenterprise Assistance Program grant.

Ag District #1 8 Year Review: Developed a timeline for the 8 year review, which will begin in February and last throughout 2013. Working with the Ag and Farmland Protection Board, SC Office of Real Property Tax Services, and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to coordinate and prepare for the review process.

Recent Events & Happenings:

Ag Advisory Board: At their November 26th meeting, the AAB began planning a small roundtable discussion for all local ag agencies and organizations, to be held in February. Next AAB meeting scheduled for January 14th.

CCE Ag Program Committee: Attended CCE Annual Meeting on December 11th. CCE has replaced their various program committees (Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development) with one single program committee. I have been elected to the program committee for 2013.

Upcoming Events:

Next Ag Advisory Board Meeting: January 14th