



Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

January 7, 2014 AGENDA

2:00 PM

Committee Members:

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

Call to Order

Attendance

Comments: Committee Chair

Reports:

1. Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) Monthly Report- Carol Roig & Stephen Stuart
2. Agricultural Report- Jill Weyer
3. DPW Update/Recommendations- Kristen Porter

Presentation: None

Discussion:

1. Solutions Project Meeting/Tusten Town Hall
2. Sustainability Standards for Future County Projects/IDA

Resolutions: None

Public Comment

Adjourn

OSE Activities Report for January 2014

Reporting on December 2013 activities

I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES

NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center

- NYPA has received the letter of agreement signed by the County Manager.
- OSE working on utility data (electric and oil) as requested by NYPA.

LED lighting Retrofit for the GC

- Winwater has completed a preliminary study of lighting retrofits utilizing LEDs for indoor and outdoor applications at the Government Center.

County Jail

OSE continues to research LEED and other sustainability standards for jails including:

- Energy cost savings;
- Reduced operating and maintenance costs;
- Potential effects on health and wellbeing of jail staff, corrections officers.

II. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

SASD has completed the preliminary draft of Part I – the County Operations section of the Climate Action Plan, in close collaboration with the Division of Planning, Division of Public Works, Public Health and Emergency Planning. Next steps: review with key County staff; revise and distribute to Legislators.

In January, start work on the Community sections, Part II of the Plan. To include recommended actions and resources for:

- Town and Village governments.
- Local businesses.
- Schools.
- County residents.

III. Outreach on Climate Smart Communities Program

- Working to schedule a presentation in Fallsburg for January.
- Tusten is moving forward to explore PPAs for solar installations at Town facilities.
- Bethel is starting work on their Climate Action Plan.

Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

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Ag Planner Projects:

Ag Planner position: New hire, Melinda Meddaugh, will be starting on January 13th. Working with Gregg at CCE to establish partnership and work protocols.

Dairy Processing RBEG: Applicant is still trying to secure a space and work with local dairy farmers. Will be working aggressively to complete this project. Received an extension until October 2014 to complete.

Microenterprise Assistance Program: Project ended. Submitted final paperwork to closeout grant program.

Sullivan County Farmland Protection Planning Grant: Working on a press release and public input survey to be released in early January to kick-off the project. Next meeting scheduled for January 13th at 1PM.

Red Meat Processing Facility: Available to assist IDA as needed to complete this much needed project.

Farming & Food Tech Summit: Jill has been asked to sit on the collaborative team for this exciting project and will provide updates as necessary.

Upcoming Events:

Ag Advisory Board: meeting scheduled for January 8th at 1PM

REAP Board: meeting scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 9AM

Sullivan County Wellness Committee: nothing to report

Ag and Farmland Protection Board: none scheduled at this time