



Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

March 6, 2014 AGENDA

1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Gene Benson, 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- Melinda Meddaugh
3. Update Agricultural Surveys – Jill Weyer
4. DPW Update/Recommendations- Kristen Porter

Presentation:

1. Municipally Owned Solar Potential/PPA's

Discussion:

1. NYS Energy Plan Comments
2. Next Steps Climate Action Plan
3. Community Gardening – Public Health

Resolutions: None

Public Comment

Adjourn

OSE Activities Report for March 2014

Reporting on February 2014 activities

I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES

NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center

- Walk-through conducted on February 11.

Power Purchase Agreements for County/Municipal Operations

- OSE is in touch with several potential partners for PPAs.
- Seeking guidance from the County Attorney's office as to RFPs vs. a bid process; whether or not these companies can give informational presentations to the Committee.

II. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

We are processing feedback from CAP Advisory Board members and key staff and working on revisions to the draft.

- We met with Kathy Jones on February 25th and will continue the conversation on green operations/green purchasing guidelines for the County.
- Evadne Giannini will join the CAP Advisory Board and help us formulate a policy for "environmentally preferable purchasing and operations" for the County, for towns and villages and for businesses and non-profit organizations.
- Also working on revisions to the CAP section dealing with more efficient electronic storage of County documents.

III. Outreach on Climate Smart Communities Program

- Town of Fallsburg presentation February 3rd.
- Town of Highland set to adopt their pledge at the March Town Board meeting.
- Request from VHB for a letter of support re: continued NYSERA funding of the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Program.

Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

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