



## Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

August 10, 2017 AGENDA  
12:30 PM

Committee Members:

Catherine Owens, Chair, Nadia Rasjz, Vice-Chair, Mark McCarthy, Terri Ward, Scott Samuelson

**Call to Order**

**Attendance**

**Comments:** Committee Chair

**Reports:**

1. Office of Sustainable Energy – Heather Brown
2. Parks and Recreation- Brian Scardefield
3. Agricultural Report- Melinda Meddaugh

**Presentation:**

1. Climate Smart Communities Program Overview

**Discussion:** None

**Resolutions:** None

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn**



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Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy Monthly Report for July 2017

*Climate Smart Communities*

- Sullivan County achieved certification as a Climate Smart Community, having been awarded 125 out of a required 120 points. We continue to identify actions to implement and submit as we pursue the next level of certification (Bronze).

*2018 Budget*

- The 2018 budget was submitted on time. Amongst the goals identified as part of this submission an increase in efforts for community outreach received the heaviest emphasis.

*Consolidated Funding Applications*

- A significant amount of staff time went into compiling responses for questions related to two CFA applications under the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program:
  - Kohlertown Bridge
  - Organics Waste Management Plan
- Efforts were coordinated between Public Works, Grants Administration, and OSE.
- Grants were filed well in advance of the deadline
- Points in the "Climate Smart Communities Status" category were maximized as certification was achieved prior to the grant filing deadline.

*Clean Energy Communities*

- Sullivan County achieved certification as a Clean Energy Community through NYSERDA. Currently grant funding has been exhausted in this program but we are hopeful that additional funding will be made available in the future and Sullivan County will qualify as the fifth "large community" in the Hudson Valley to receive its designation.

### *Electric Vehicles*

- The August 3 deadline for submission under the EV Charging Infrastructure Reimbursement Program has passed. OSE is identifying different methods of increasing participation in the program. We will be increasing our outreach efforts, and we have discussed the possibility of doing a bid for charging stations with “piggyback” language as a means to further assist municipalities with the process.
- OSE is working with staff in Public Works to develop a project for installation of an EV charging station at the Sullivan County Government Center, with the intention of installing stations at additional facilities in the future. It is important that we incorporate this infrastructure and coordinate installations with the County’s capital plan schedule.

### *Solarize Sullivan*

- The County continues its support of the Solarize campaign. Most recently a flyer has been printed (Solarize campaign covered this cost) and is being distributed to all County employees advising them of the availability of the program. It also provides information for an upcoming event for residents, businesses and not for profits to learn more about the program.

### *Benchmarking*

- OSE staff continues to compile and enter data into our benchmarking software. We have already identified one building – the Transportation building in Bethel – that qualifies as an Energy Star Certified building.

### *Outreach*

- Staff provided assistance to the Town of Bethel in reviewing a feasibility study for a solar array to provide electricity to the town and/or the community.
- OSE is currently compiling educational materials on community solar, community choice aggregation, Climate Smart Communities, and other programs that are either planned or have been deployed by the State.

### *Meetings/Events*

- Several meetings with Grants Administration and Public Works to coordinate efforts for successful submissions of CFA applications – Organics Management Plan and Kohlertown Bridge.
- Met with NYS DHCR to discuss the Weatherization Program and to open a conversation about the deployment of stable and low cost energy to Low to Moderate Income (LMI) communities.
- Met with DPW staff to discuss process to maximize reimbursement/incentives for Government Center energy efficiency upgrades.



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Monthly Report  
Agriculture & Sustainability Committee Meeting – August 10, 2017

I have been working on the 2018 budget for the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department.

The Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event went very well with approximately 150 people attending. The Monument that was installed through the Delaware Company to honor the fallen soldiers turned out terrific. The Sullivan County DPW did an amazing job laying up the stone wall around the monument.

The Clean Team has been continuing to litter pluck the County roads and complete some beautification projects in the parks.

Workforce for Development Summer Youth Employment program has been doing a terrific job building the trail over at the Health and Family Service Complex in Liberty. Chairman Louie Alvarez and Dan Hust stopped by to check out the trail, meet the students and take some photos to show the hard work that they have completed.

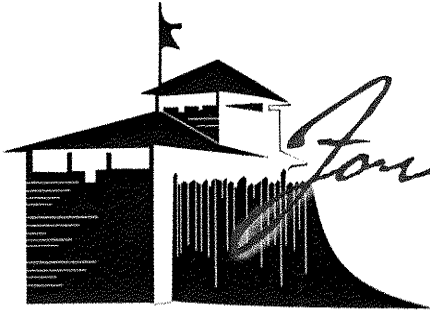
Workforce for Development has found a secretary to help me out in the office. This has been a tremendous help.

I attended the County's Trail Committee meeting at the Town of Bethel's Smallwood Forest Preserve. The park is in its beginning stages of being developed, but has a lot of great potential.

I have met with the Town of Liberty Supervisor, councilman and staff several times to discuss several Park and Recreation issues which fall under the shared service agreement that I have with them.

I attended a Delaware and Hudson Transportation Heritage Council meeting in Honesdale. This organization works to preserve the remnants of the D&H canal and gravity railroad and promotes the history of the canal.

The manager at Fort Delaware says that the weekend events in July have been very successful. Attached with the report is an August event schedule.



*Fort Delaware*  
 Museum of Colonial History  
 Narrowsburg, NY



**Special Events Calendar – AUGUST 2017**

**August 4 - 7**



**Fiber Arts at Fort Delaware:**  
 Spinning, Dyeing, Weaving, Knitting, Sewing, etc.  
 Demonstrations all weekend  
 August 5- Natural Dye Demonstration  
 With Linda Kintz- all day  
 August 6- Children’s story and craft- all day

**August 11 - 14**



**Colonial Herbs and Medicine at Fort Delaware:**  
 August 12- Colonial Herbs & Medicinal Plants from the  
 Kitchen Garden – 1:00pm  
 August 14- Colonial Midwifery – A Lecture – 1:00pm

**August 18 - 21**



**Colonial Pub Weekend at Fort Delaware:**  
 Colonial Pub Games All weekend  
 August 18- Pub Fare Cooking Demonstration  
 August 20- Colonial Pub Music – Live Performance

**August 25 - 28**



**Reenactment Weekend at Fort Delaware:**  
 Compare and Contrast the Revolutionary War with the Civil  
 War through Reenactment Groups.  
 Cannon fire demonstration throughout the weekend  
 August 26- Historical Wedding  
 August 27- Clothing of the Times - compare and contrast of  
 women’s clothing

**Through Labor Day**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Labor Day through Columbus Day**

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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