Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting June 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; Amanda Rodriguez, SCOPED; Elizabeth Watson, Schuyler County Public Health; Katherine Herleman, former CCE Schuyler Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

The zoom meeting began at 10:00 p.m.

Chairman Ryan updated the group on the status of the Montour Market. The market has reached nearly 100% in sales within weeks of the start date, which was early due to the demand. Mark has been working with farms to coordinate making healthier foods available to the community. Mark has submitted and is waiting on the Ag & Market License from the state, which has been delayed by the COVID 19 shutdown.

Chairman Ryan states the Heat Emergency Plan final edits are complete.

Chairman Ryan explains that the Food Waste Educator position interviews have been done and the decision should take place within a week or two. With food waste education, the outcome will likely be a reduction in the amount of garbage and refocusing foods to beneficial resources like the Food Bank or local food pantries. Example: Schuyler Hospital or Fire Academy ‘waste’ can be redistributed. The program will also encourage composting whether at a central composting location or home. While cooperating with the Montour Market comes the possibility to coordinate food pick up times with food waste drop off.

Outstanding Action Items:

* Heat Emergency Plan submission
* New Action – levy recertification – waiting on engineering proposal

Goals for this Quarter:

* Identify spaces for a community garden, will work with Elizabeth
* Bus stop development

Katherine Herleman states that CCE Schuyler will be hiring a new CCE Coordinator which she will be supervising.

Amanda Rodriguez states that she is waiting to hear about the Rural Development Grant for Montour Market, it is under review but keep an eye out for notification. Notify Amanda if anything else is needed.

Meeting closed at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk

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