Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting

September 28, 2021

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; Amanda Demaria, Ascend Collaborative Development; Marissa Nolan, CEC Food Waste Educator; Eva Milstein-Touesnard, Energy Intern; Michelle Benjamin, Schuyler Hospital Community Relations; Heather Gilbert; FLX Scraps to Gardens; Elizabeth Henry, Schuyler County Public Health; Osamu Tsuda; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

Amanda Demaria updates the group on grants in process and provides an overview of the Levee Recertification Study. She also informs the group about the Complete Streets Grant community engagement.

Eva Milstein-Touesnard provides the committee with an update on the education campaigns she has been leading. The Community Solar campaign has obtained 6 of 10 sign ups required for participation. She has been working with Erica Herman on the Heat Smart campaign, and Williams Toyota will provide electric vehicles for the Harvest Festival.

Marissa Nolan informs the group of the outcome of the composting and educational workshops offered by CCE Schuyler with the help of Heather Gilbert. The workshops received great feedback. The Village composting survey is available and focusing on knowledge collection.

Jim Ryan commends the efforts made by the group to inform the community and prepare for the Harvest Festival. He notes that Eva is on a commercial for Williams Toyota and the Harvest Festival. He asks the committee’s input for the new location of the Marina composting bin collection point.

Heather Gilbert informs the committee that the compost bins are fuller than ever now after the educational push. The Village has diverted 3 tons of food waste, which is really wonderful.

Jim Ryan updates the group that the Arbor Day trees have been planted; one on Main Street; three at the Carnival Grounds, and one at King’s Crossing.

Goals for this Quarter: Quarterly update from Montour Market

The next committee meeting will be held on December 14th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk