

Village of Montour Falls

Sustainability Committee Meeting

December 17, 2020

Present –James Ryan, Chairman; Amanda Rodriguez-Demaria, Ascend Collaborative Development; Mark Wilber, Montour Market; Todd Knobbe, CCE Schuyler CEC Coordinator; Marissa Nolan, CEC Food Waste Educator; Erica Herman, HeatSmart FLX South Campaign Director; Alex Marusewski; Christopher Skawski; Michelle Benjamin, Schuyler Hospital Community Relations; Katherine Herleman, WSP USA, Inc; and Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

Amanda Rodriguez-Demaria provides updates:

- CSC Action Grant and Levy Recertification Grant have been finalized
- Submitted first report for the Food Scraps Grant
- Amanda and Chris Skawski report on the Government Climate Action Plan (CAP)
 - *draft complete of five-year plan
 - *action initiatives reviewed
 - *submit to Village Board
 - *public engagement

Mark Wilber updates the status of the Montour Market:

- Community engagement – establishing brand
- June 1 – Nov 1 Covid opening establish 2021 Food Cooperative with 12 Schuyler County food producers engaged with the market, have added 2 more since
- \$30,000 new farm sales
- \$40,000 new total revenue
- SNAP started in December
- published in Review and Express and Schuyler Health

Erica Herman shared a presentation with the committee on HeatSmart FLX South which is a CCE program that will educate residents and small businesses on the benefits of heat pumps. They will offer free or low-cost energy audit which can save money for consumers and improve indoor air quality for protection of their health and safety. Heat pump technologies can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings.

Marissa Nolan shares the results of the Recycling & Food Waste survey in which she got 95 responses. The results will be used to narrow the focus of education that will be provided to Village residents. The grant requires a volunteer coordinator who will start January 2021. Jessica Westlake from the Library will recruit volunteers and track hours.

Goals for this Quarter: Quarterly update from Montour Market
New Grants report
Community GHG Inventory close out
Walking path

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 2021. Meeting finished at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Byers, Deputy Clerk
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