

Pulaski/Richland Comprehensive Plan/ Climate Action Plan/Climate Smart Communities
Review Committee
Meeting August 4, 2022
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
H. Douglas Barclay Court House

Present: Dawn Holynski, Donna Gilson, Melissa Wadkinson, Robin Philips, Robin Ford.
Excused: Shawn Doyle
Guest speaker: Michael Boccuzzi, CNY Regional Planning Development Board (CNYRPDB)

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Dawn Holynski at 6:02pm.

Climate Action Plan Update Workshop:

Michael Boccuzzi, (CNYRPDB), will be helping the Comp Plan committee update the 2016 Climate Action Plan. This will include CAP Planning: GHG summary, previous CAP and climate actions, setting a new target year and emissions reduction goal.

CAP updates look at the previous CAP, analyze current GHG inventory results, and outline where the municipality stands in terms of reaching its climate goals. Also, update recommendations based on actions taken, their impact on emissions reduction, and areas of improvement. Dawn gave a list of known energy and emission efficiency improvements that local businesses, nonprofits and community members have done since the 2016 CAP. Mike said this is helpful to him in what he needs to show in the updated Plan.

Focus will be on quality, not quantity, evaluation and implementation of various ways to reduce energy costs and emissions. It is difficult to measure exactly the greenhouse gas (GHG) amount. As in any survey, there will be a plus or minus percentage to consider; however, transportation and vehicle fleet continue to be the highest on the chart. We need realistic, attainable, practical and feasible ideas on how to engage the community in accomplishing the goals that will be set.

There was discussion about possible grant applications through Restore NY and NY Forward.

Jan mentioned there is much to learn from New York's Climate Leadership Community Protection Act, such as draft scoping plan, disadvantaged communities criteria, and upcoming meetings and events.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 5, 2022 and June 3, 2022 were moved by Jan and seconded by Melissa for approval, all were in favor, motion carried.

Goals Update: The town of Richland board accepted the goals and recommendation updates to the Plan in July 2022. The Village passed them in April. Dawn is putting the final touches on typing the updates before passing it along to the web technician to upload to the Town's website. Dawn asked Jan if she wanted them on the Village website. She said, yes.

Dawn mentioned that because additional pages have been added to the original Plan document, she is trying to make sure examples of photos and maps already labeled in the Plan match with the updated pages.

Conservation Sub-Division Design (CSD): We will need to schedule another day for Jeanie Gleisner to come to discuss CSD. Hopefully the new date will be in September.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m. with a motion by Donna Gilson and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Holynski