



## Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

February 6, 2014 AGENDA

2:00 PM

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Gene Benson, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

### **Call to Order**

### **Attendance**

**Comments:** Committee Chair

### **Reports:**

1. Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) Monthly Report- Carol Roig & Stephen Stuart
2. Agricultural Report- Jill Weyer
3. DPW Update/Recommendations- Kristen Porter

**Presentation:** None

### **Discussion:**

1. Role of Cornell Cooperative Extension Shared Ag Position- Melinda Meddaugh
2. Food Hub Update

**Resolutions:** None

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjourn**

## **OSE Activities Report for February 2014**

Reporting on January 2014 activities

### **I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES**

#### **NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center**

- Phone conference with Ravi Shankar of NYPA and key staff of the engineering firm NYPA has selected for the Government Center project.
- DPW will circulate possible dates for the daylong walkthrough to start the process.

#### **LED lighting Retrofit for the GC**

- We will explore the possibility of incorporating the LED lighting retrofit in the NYPA project at Government Center.

### **II. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

SASD has received feedback from CAP Advisory Board members and key staff and is completing revisions to the draft for presentation to the Legislature.

We are beginning to recruit additional Advisory Board members to assist with Part II, which will be a community toolkit with recommended actions and resources for Town and Village governments, local businesses, schools and County residents. Would like permission to invite certain individuals to participate.

- Nancy McGraw to replace Carol Ryan
- Someone from the SC Partnership for Economic Development to replace Alan Scott
- Add Evadne Giannini of Hospitality Green and others with needed expertise.

### **III. Outreach on Climate Smart Communities Program**

- Town of Fallsburg presentation February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Town of Highland presentation February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Assisting Tusten Energy Committee to formulate RFP for PPA for solar installations at Town Garage.
- Bethel is starting work on their Climate Action Plan. They will coordinate their work with Part II of the SC Climate Action Plan to avoid duplicated effort.

Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

1-26-14

### **Ag Planner Projects:**

**Ag Planner position:** Introduce, Melinda Meddaugh, who started January 13<sup>th</sup>. Working with Gregg at CCE to establish partnership and work protocols.

**Dairy Processing RBEG:** Letter sent out to grantee requesting agreement be signed by March 1<sup>st</sup> or project will be reallocated. Received a revised summary of project by January 24<sup>th</sup> as requested but no revised proposal/business plan as requested. Received an extension until October 2014 to complete.

**Microenterprise Assistance Program:** Project ended. Submitted final paperwork to closeout grant program.

**Sullivan County Farmland Protection Planning Grant:** Press release issued and public survey went live. To access the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SC-AgPublicSurvey>. This online survey will be open until February 28, 2014. The ag producer survey will be issued in February to all farmers in the County. Next meeting scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.

**Red Meat Processing Facility:** Available to assist IDA as needed to complete this much needed project.

**Farming & Food Tech Summit:** Jill has been asked to sit on the collaborative team for this exciting project and will provide updates as necessary.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Ag Advisory Board:** meeting scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1PM

**REAP Board:** meeting scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 9AM

**Sullivan County Wellness Committee:** nothing to report

**Ag and Farmland Protection Board:** none scheduled at this time