

SASD - Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday September 29th, 2015

6:00 PM at the home of Board Member Dick Riseling in Callicoon Center, NY

ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance: Michael Chojnicki, Isaac Green Diebboll, Bruce Ferguson, Peggy Gans, Sandy Oxford, Dick Riseling, Carol Ryan, Roy Tedoff.

Board members absent with notice: Kathie Aberman, Ari Mir-Pontier, Linda Reik.

Board members absent without notice: none.

Also present: SASD Co-Executive Directors Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

A meeting notice was sent to all board members in accordance with the Bylaws.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. The attendees constituted a quorum.

Board President Michael Chojnicki outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes for the July 29th meeting were approved.

Moved by Dick Riseling, seconded by Roy Tedoff. Unanimously adopted.

Order of Business

1. Board.

New Board members were introduced: Sandy Oxford, Carol Ryan, Peggy Gans.

Carol Ryan and Peggy Gans were elected through unanimous votes by the Board using e-mail, as authorized in the bylaws.

The Board accepted with regret the resignations of Jill Weiner and Mark Koeppen.

2. Officer Positions.

Michael will send copies of the SASD bylaws to the new board members. Positions of Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary need to be filled. Duties of the Treasurer were discussed; Roy Tedoff will meet with Stephen Stuart to discuss further.

3. Bylaws, Committees Restructuring and Updates (In Compliance with the Bylaws):

Michael Chojnicki and Carol Roig will meet with Laurie McFadden to begin consultation regarding need updates to SASD's bylaws to comply with new NYS regulations governing non-profit organizations.

4. CCA

Board will establish a working group to discuss the make-up of a SC CCA advisory board. Bruce Ferguson, Linda Reik, Sandy Oxford, Dick Riseling, Stephen Stuart and Carol Roig expressed interest in participating. Bruce will schedule a meeting.

Staff has scheduled presentations in October for Towns of Bethel, Highland, Liberty, and Lumberland; SLAC and the Highland Seniors group. Informational materials include CCA FAQ and the proposal to the SC Legislature, as well as sample letters of support, which each group will be asked to provide.

- Isaac will schedule a presentation for the Town of Delaware on October 14th.

- Peggy will schedule a presentation for the Town of Cochection for October 14th.
- Sandy will schedule with Fallsburg and Thompson.

5. NY Prize Microgrid Projects Liberty and Monticello

Booz Allen Hamilton continues to work on gathering load data from stakeholders, and staff will assist with this outreach.

6. Budget and financial report – Stephen Stuart

- Stephen presented income and expenditures.
- Staff has submitted request for \$75,000 in the County budget for 2016.

7. Climate Smart Communities

The third roundtable, hosted by the Town of Bethel, has been rescheduled to October because of conflicts and low registration. This roundtable will focus on strategies for community outreach and GHG emissions from septic systems and municipal wastewater treatment facilities. Staff anticipates additional informational outreach and potential initiatives to include EV charging stations.

8. Water Symposium

Symposium panel discussions will be postponed to spring 2016. The Joel Hill sawmill tour will take place as planned on Saturday, October 3rd, starting at 10:00 AM.

9. County projects

- Staff expects work will begin this fall on clearing at the Liberty Health Complex for the 2MW solar array.
- Staff met with Shennoy Wellington, Executive Director of the Adult Care Center, to discuss strategies for energy efficiency renovations and the replacement of PTAC units with PTHP.
- The County will include hybrid vehicles as part of a new leasing arrangement for County vehicles.

10. Other Outreach efforts

- Callicoon Art Walk October 10th: Carol and Michael will table for SASD and participate in panel discussion in Harmonie Hall. We will include information about SCCCA, Micro-Grid Projects and Green Jobs/Green NY Home Energy Audits. Kathie Aberman has coordinated with Liberty High School to display student art work about climate change and sustainability.
- Staff will approach the County about displaying the artwork at the Government Center.
- Board members who have not done so are requested to provide short biographies for the web site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion by Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Isaac Green Diebboll. Unanimously agreed.

Next Board Meeting will take place in January.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Roig, acting as Secretary for this meeting.