

## Minutes of June 9, 2021 Climate Smart Committee

Present at town hall: Mary Frances Sabo, Mike Miner

Present by Zoom: David Wilson, Scott Noel, Morgan Ruthman, Eric Westfall, Jessica Merola

Guests present by Zoom: Nadia Sabo, Bernie Wiesen, CCE, Haley Balcanoff and Tara Donadio, CDRPC

Ms. Sabo called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Miner moved to accept the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Mr. Noel. The motion passed.

Ms. Sabo welcomed Jessica Merola, town board member, who will serve as the Climate Smart Coordinator and her daughter, Nadia Sabo, who will be working as the Climate Smart intern for the summer.

The committee reviewed the Climate Smart certification checklist and the progress on accomplishing the various activities to achieve certification.

Progress on the EV charging station was discussed. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Sabo had circulated a proposal from Plug in Stations Online. Mr. Noel indicated that he thought the town could get a better deal with Potencia.

The committee discussed various actions that the town could undertake to earn Climate Smart certification, including formalizing a course of action for extreme heat events, such as working with the county to create a cooling center and outreach on the town website and conducting a fleet inventory.

The committee revisited the adoption of an environmental purchasing policy. Ms. Wiesen had circulated the policy that had been adopted by Broome County. The committee reviewed it and determined that adopting a similar policy would be beneficial for the town and recommended that the town board adopt it.

Ms. Wiesen indicated that Cornell Cooperative Extension might be able to help with water smart landscaping. Mr. Westfall indicated that this could fit in with the town's stormwater management work. Cornell will work with Eric on this.

Participating in a national/regional climate campaign and a buy local program was also discussed. CCE has a Harvest Connection website that could be linked to.

Finally, the Climate Visioning Project was discussed. Ms. Sabo will work with Ms. Wiesen to invite key stakeholders.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.