

## Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes of October 13, 2016 meeting

Present: Roxanne Marino, Robert Oswald, Sue Poelvoorde

Excused: Andy Hillman, Bara Hotchkiss, Brice Smith

Guest: Don Ellis

Roxanne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was not present.

### **Climate Smart Communities**

Roxanne shared information about the Town's interest in participating with a few other Tompkins County towns to become a climate smart community. There are many requirements in the program, which is being administered by the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, State and Transportation; State Public Service Commission and State Energy and Research Development Authority. Cornell Cooperative Extension has hired an intern to assist the communities.

Some of the tasks on the list may be suitable for the CSAC group to work on. Roxanne will continue to report out on the towns' progress with the program.

### **Distribution Line Map Overlay**

Roxanne shared the first version of a map prepared by the Tompkins County GIS unit that the CSAC committee recommended be prepared for the town boards (Town Board, Planning, Agriculture Protection and Zoning Appeals) illustrating the location of electric distribution lines that could accommodate the connection of a community-scale solar farm.

The committee discussed changes to the maps that would make them more readable and relevant to their use by the boards. Roxanne will convey the information to Darby Kiley, the Town's planner.

### **Potential Fairgrounds Project**

Don Ellis shared information about a tree replacement project for the Trumansburg Fairgrounds that he, Andy Hillman, and Jerry Reynolds have started to prepare. He noted that there may be grant money available for the project and asked if the Town of Ulysses could be the project sponsor. As the project develops, he will return to the CSAC to share additional information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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