

**Town of Woodstock Town Board meeting held on February 11, 2020**

**RESOLUTION 71-2020**

**ESTABLISH CLIMATE- SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

Offered by Supervisor McKenna, seconded by Councilperson Ricci:

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2007, Woodstock Town Board Resolution 103-2007 committed the town to a Zero-Carbon Initiative that would result in no net emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by the end of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodstock achieved carbon neutrality in 2015 and was recognized for its accomplishment at the 2017 annual meeting of the New York State Association of Conservation Commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2016, Woodstock Town Board Resolution 150-2016 adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2018, Woodstock Town Board Resolution 207-2018, pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 272-a, adopted the Woodstock Comprehensive Plan of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodstock Comprehensive Plan of 2018 assigned the coordination of climate change related activities to the mission of the Woodstock Environmental Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2019, Woodstock Supervisor McKenna established the Woodstock Climate Smart Community Task Force, appointed the Environmental Commission as members, and charged the task force to develop a comprehensive approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiencies, as well as, related topics; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge requires the adoption of an authorizing resolution establishing a Climate Smart Communities task force, describing the task force's mission, and defining the duties of the task force coordinator; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Woodstock Town Board establishes the Woodstock Climate Smart Task Force; and furthermore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the mission of the Woodstock Climate Smart Task Force shall be:

- 1) To attain Bronze Level Certification under the protocols of the New York State Climate Smart Communities Program by documenting and qualifying actions taken since 2007 by the town to achieve carbon neutrality; and
- 2) Document and qualify actions completed by the town, the Environmental Commission, and other Woodstock organizations consistent with the goals and objectives of the Climate Smart Communities Program; and

- 3) Work with the Woodstock Highway Department and Building Department to define a hazard mitigation plan that will prepare Woodstock for an environment with increasingly heavy rainfall and flooding; and furthermore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Woodstock Town Board will appoint the Woodstock Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator; and furthermore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the responsibilities of the task force Coordinator shall include:

- 1) Schedule and chair meetings of the task force.
- 2) Nominate a task force secretary and, as needed, other task force officers for the Task Force to approve.
- 3) Recommend additional task force members to the Town Board to approve.
- 4) Organize and coordinate the efforts of task force members.
- 5) Represent the Woodstock Climate Smart Task Force at meetings and forums.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Woodstock Climate Smart Task Force will consist of 7 members, and may consist of members of the Environmental Commission, town employees, and Woodstock residents with an interest in addressing climate change; and furthermore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the task force, additional members may be appointed by the Town Board; and furthermore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Woodstock Town Board instructs the Town Clerk to submit a certified copy of this resolution to New York State Climate Smart Communities Program.

All voted 5-0:

Supervisor McKenna - aye  
Councilman Rose - aye  
Councilman Heppner - aye  
Councilwoman Ricci - aye  
Councilman Earls – aye