

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE:

Resolution # 180-2021:

Whereas the Town of Rochester passed the Climate Smart Communities Pledge Resolution on December 03, 2020; and

Whereas the Town of Rochester recognizes the impact climate change can have on the economy, human health, and natural resources; and

Whereas the Town of Rochester seeks to take actions that will improve its resilience to the impacts of climate change, reduce its energy consumption, and transition to renewable energy; and

Whereas the NY State Climate Smart Communities program lists the creation of a Climate Smart Communities Task Force as a mandatory step in the program;

Now therefore be it hereby resolved, that the Town Board of Rochester hereby creates the Climate Smart Communities Task Force to be known locally as the Town of Rochester Climate Smart Communities Task Force; and

Be it further resolved that the Climate Smart Communities Task Force shall consist of at least 5 but no more than 11 voting members of the community and municipal government, including the Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator and one Town liaison (either elected official or staff); and

Be it further resolved that the Town Board will appoint members of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force with input from the Climate Smart Communities Task Force Coordinator; and

Be it further resolved that the Town Board recognizes that the Climate Smart Communities Task Force itself will be more resilient when a broad and diverse group comprise the membership of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, that could include, but is not limited to members engaged in agriculture, members with long standing history in the town, members who own businesses, members with a knowledge of climate science, members with disaster relief experience, members with knowledge of the history and natural resources of the town, and members with a knowledge of town codes and laws; and

Be it further resolved that the Climate Smart Communities Task Force shall provide the Town Board with information about establishing and implementing Climate Smart initiatives, to propose new ideas to the Town Board, to identify funding sources for projects and paybacks from investments, and to manage climate-related projects, and the engage the community for input, education, and the sharing of ideas; and

Be it further resolved that the Climate Smart Communities Task Force shall meet at least twice a year; and

Be it further resolved, that the voting members of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Town of Rochester Town Board.