

March 5, 2024 MINUTES

3:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Town Hall Lower Level Meeting Room And on Zoom

Guest Presenter – PSEG/Alyssa Turano

The team conducted an extensive Routing study – narrowed 50+ routes down to 3 with a preferred route identified on the attachment. Consideration given to engineering, environmental, human & social, traffic, any rare/endangered species, disadvantaged communities (DACs)

Comments or letters of support can be sent electronically to the PSC Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail to the Secretary at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. These comments should reference the Article VII case number assigned to the application (case 24-T-0113). Written comments can also be submitted through the Department’s Website. Go to <http://www.dps.ny.gov/>, click “Search,” enter the Case Number in the box labeled “Search by Case Number,” click again, and then click on “Post Comments” at the top of the page.

Q: How is service enhanced: (nick) load growth, increase capacity in this area by 2028 due to load growth increased at a rate of 2% / year, building a 138KV line is foundational.

Alyssa indicated that a Public Statement Hearing will be scheduled in the coming months and that might be the best time to submit comments. She will let us know when that is scheduled.

Q: Easements & right of ways: for details see Article 7 process and application

The projects also in alignment with CLCPA objectives

There will be No VBA charge for this project.

Current Projects:

Grants – Victoria/Gary

- Detailed review of grant money available under Clean Energy Communities program
- Seth is building the Town’s plan to go after the Clean Energy Communities program grant money, Victoria estimates at least \$400,000 from the CEC program
- Overviewed rules concerning how money can be spent
- Tom Houghton shared that Town bought 3 cars through program; has multiple solar ready projects that need funding
- US DOT: \$1B to spend on buses, Tom Neely investigating, DOT grant due date: 4/25

Actions going forward:

- Victoria to connect with Tom Houghton re: fleet

Skip the Stuff – Susanne

- When weather gets better, Susanne will circulate petition
- Asking for assistance in soliciting support from Town staff member leading to a Town Board member

Actions going forward:

- Seth to help with identifying staff members to assist pursuing this legislation
- Susanne to recirculate presentation (attached)

Electrifying Homes – Tip

- Q: ask PSEG – what is the projected load growth and how do they plan to meet that load growth over time
- Tip delivered presentation, to be circulated (attached)

Actions going forward:

- Attached are two items: a one-pager of the recommendations themselves, which, thanks to John, have been put in a different format to improve understanding; and the presentation itself as given at the meeting.
- **NEW:** one of Dieter or Glorian will ask the committee to review Tip’s materials and vote
- A resource is needed/possibly shared amongst all municipalities on the south fork to help residents to navigate access to discounts

Community Composting – Joe

- Met with Tom Houghton who is enthusiastic, met w/Riverhead program
- Driving towards Hampton Bays Pilot

Actions going forward: Evolving the operational process, need to file permits with DEC, public & transfer station staff education, develop website signup system

CCA/CDG Update – Lynn

- Joule talking to suppliers, expecting a price refresh this month. If numbers look promising Joule will be presenting to the Town Board
- Learned some things about the 4 month Seasonal fixed rate design worth sharing:
 - This structure was proposed in the fall and may or may not be proposed again by the Suppliers proposing options to the Town’s RFP for Electricity Power Supply. We will not have visibility to this information until the Town Board decides to make it public. These details are part of an active negotiation.

Additional consumer protections

- 60 days into the 4-month term, the rates for the next 4-month term will be communicated to those in the program.
- The contract provides transparency to the Supplier’s profit margin and specifies that if the market rate should drop below the CCA program rate, overpayments create protection for the future by building a fund to be set aside (like an escrow account) to be utilized to buy down a future rate associated with a subsequent 4-month term.
- Reminder: anyone enrolled in a CCA program can opt-out at any time at no cost.
- Interest in CCA including piggybacking Southampton’s potential contract is increasing. Recent CCA presentations have been delivered to Sag Harbor Village and Riverhead Town, presentations are scheduled at Shelter Island and Southampton Village. Additional presentations to civic, CAC and other local organizations too numerous to mention.

Meetings are being offered to all remaining Incorporated Villages and the Town of Southhold.