THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 2019 6:30 p.m. **City Hall**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- 8 Present 1 Absent (Councilmember Lorraine Johnson)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

CCM 2/19/2019						
			Yes/Aye	**No/Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
☑ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Salem	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Finney	Voter	☑	☐	☐	☐

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.

REMOVE:

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution R19-56, approving mid-year budget amendments.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.

Carmen McGill 78 Glenwood Avenue
William Smith 42 Columbia Street
Mary Ann Cunningham 23 Sunrise Lane
Sean Dague 33 Schyer Drive
Howard Susser 48 Lockermann Avenue

Constantine Kazolias 47 Noxon Street
Darrett Roberts Franklin Street
Warren Jones North Clover Street
Laura Forman Washington Street
Cornelia Harris South Randolph Avenue
Feze Oktay 8 North Cherry Street
Laurie Sandow South Grand Avenue
Harvey Flad 115 Academy Street
Jeff Domanski Beacon, New York
Paula Mann
Mike Gordon
Europa McGovern (Waterfront Advisory Committee)
Lacey Harrison 41 Fitchett Street

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairwoman Finney: I have only one comment.

Actually it's on the recently enacted provisions for rent control and additional tenant protections.

And as many of us probably know upstate communities have the choice to opt into a rent control system. So I will be spending some time over the summer looking at the options and the issues, and my colleagues and I will be discussing it, and we will have a report for the public sometime in the fall. However, spoiler alert the Rent Control Board is recommended by the County Legislature. And the state housing authorities accept the recommendation so the City of Poughkeepsie itself as a corporate body would not be administering or enforcing any kind of rent control legislation. So it may not be a good fit. And I will have more information from my colleagues in a few weeks. And we will get back to all about it in the early fall.

That's it. At this point I'm going to change the order a bit and switch over to the mayor for his comments and then thereafter we will have the Cornell Cooperative students presenting on No Child Left Inside.

From Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County a presentation regarding "No Child Left Inside"

Bike Share Proposal for the City of Poughkeepsie

June 13, 2019

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Introduction

We are the No Child Left Inside (NCLI) program. NCLI is a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County that hires teens from Poughkeepsie High School as environmental youth educators. Through discussion with researchers, doing our own research, and attending local events, we first are educated about the environment. We then take this knowledge and do outreach with the community. In the past, we have taught children from the Relatives As Parents Program, the general public at the Fall Kill Aquablitz, and fifth graders from Krieger Elementary during the DEC sponsored event "A Day in the Life of the Hudson River and Harbor".

In NCLI, we annually make it a goal to complete a community project. With air quality being a prominent issue in Poughkeepsie, we had the idea that a bike share could significantly make a difference in Poughkeepsie. We are working with the community to bring bike shares to Poughkeepsie's streets. We have been working with neighbouring organizations to collect data on this project. We have met with members of the City and County staff, SPOKE, Scenic Hudson, Marist, the City of New Rochelle, P3Global, and the Cary Institute.

With a bike share in Poughkeepsie, we could sufficiently improve the health of many. In America, about 200,000 people die a year due to air pollution, of which vehicles are a big source. A bike share can not only help people exercise more, but also help reduce car usage, in turn reducing air pollution emitted from cars.

With a transition from cars to bicycles in Poughkeepsie, it would significantly benefit the environment. The pollution released from cars is capable of harming all ecosystems on Earth. When you get out of your car and onto a bike, you release no gas emissions and you get a chance to check out the environment surrounding you. In this way, people are encouraged to have a stronger connection with nature, which can contribute to a decrease Nature Deficit Disorder. Nature deficit disorder is a phrase meant to describe human costs of isolation from nature, but is not meant to be a medical diagnosis.

Having a bike share in Poughkeepsie can also be a convenient mode of transportation for many. Due to the fact that Poughkeepsie Middle School and High School are walking school districts, having bikes nearby for students to use as transportation could be helpful. It allows them extra time for school work and other activities, all while keeping them off of the streets. Because Poughkeepsie is a low-income city, numerous people might not be able to afford to buy a bicycle. Bicycles would be very cost efficient.

A bike share is good for human health, environmental health, and a great transportation alternative. This proposal was created to support the effort to put a bike share in the City of Poughkeepsie. First, the proposal covers background information regarding air pollution, human health, and biking and the connection between them. Secondly, we discuss specifically what a bike share is and the research we did to come to our definition which included visiting the New Rochelle Bike Share. Thirdly, we state our proposal for the city of Poughkeepsie and suggestions that could help our city implement the bike share.

Background

Air Pollution

Air pollution is one of the most serious environmental issues that we have today. Air pollution is a substance that is harmful or poisonous to the environment and to human health. Most of the time it is caused by motor vehicle gas emissions and burning fossil fuels in general, factory toxic gas emissions, along with emissions from agriculture and cities, mining, construction, and smelting minerals. The average car emits about six tons of carbon dioxide every year. There are also natural occurrences that add to air pollution. These include smoke from bushfires, windblown dust, and forest fires. Some of the main air pollutants that come from these activities are particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide.

There are many problems caused by air pollution that strongly affects the earth's inhabitants. For our purposes, we are going to focus on two main effects of air pollution. The first problem is rapid increase in health complications (in all organisms) due to air pollution. The second problem is that air pollution disrupts natural processes, causing a decline in environmental stability.

Air Pollution and Human Health

Air pollution is all over the world, it can be both inside and outside someone's home. While there is an indoor air pollution issue ,the heavier matter is focused outside. It's been estimated that a person can inhale about 20000 liters of air per day. When we breathe, the polluted air goes directly to our lungs and can cause health defects such as increased respiratory illnesses, difficulty breathing, decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, and a chronic disease. According to the World Health Organization, globally, about 4.2 million deaths occur every year as a result of outdoor air pollution. Most of these diseases can more easily develop in children due to their underdeveloped organs and immune system.

The ozone shield {which is crucial to our survival} is quickly deteriorating due to air pollution. Without the ozone shield, we would face dangerous UV rays. UV rays, also known as ultraviolet rays, is a type of electromagnetic radiation. UV rays are responsible for most summer tans, but when exposed to excessive amounts can cause sunburns and is a risk factor for most skin cancers.

Air Pollution and Minorities

According to the American Lung Association, people living in poverty and those impacted by social injustices are at greater risk of being impacted by air pollution for three main reasons. The first reason is that disadvantaged communities are likely to live closer to pollution sources because of a combination of factors including racism, class bias, land cost etc. Another reason is that many people living in low social classes have poorer health due to factors like unemployment, lack of access to health care, sanitation issues on the job, and lack of access to

cars, making them walk in areas of high traffic, exposing themselves to more pollutants. The final reason is that existing complications in health and traits can enhance the effects of air pollution on a person's health. For example, people suffering from old age and diabetes tend to be more vulnerable to air pollution, and minorities such as African Americans and Mexican Americans have a higher incidence of diabetes.

Based on the information from the American Lung Association and because of the large number of minorities that make up the city, air pollution has a larger impact on Poughkeepsie residents, rather than the residents of neighboring towns. According to the United States Census Bureau in 2014 the percentage of poverty in Poughkeepsie is 22.4% while the national average is only 12.3%. A surprising 12.7% of people under the age of 65 are living without health insurance . The racial and ethnic characteristics of the City of Poughkeepsie break down to 55% Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino.

Air Pollution and the Environment

Air pollution is capable of harming almost every major ecosystem. All ecosystems have a correlation to one another, creating something similar to a domino effect when damaged. Some major pollutants include nitrogen, acid rain, (bad) ozone, and mercury. These forms of air pollution cause challenges for the environment like over enrichment of soil, or even loss of important nutrients in soil, to even reduction in development of plants.

Nitrogen is a commonly found element within the earth's atmosphere. It is a part of all living things. Nitrogen is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas and becomes a problem when there is an excessive amount of it. It is released by the burning of fossil fuels. After being released into the air nitrogen then makes its way into the rain and eventually the soil. Because nitrogen is a big component of fertilizer, this creates over enrichment in soil, as well as in water. This over enrichment creates food for bacteria and algae. In result, we notice an increase in bacteria and algae growth. In aquatic ecosystems, this increase in algae growth soaks up air and nutrients leaving many fish and aquatic plants without any.

Both plants and animals can be affected by acid rain. Acid rain is rainfall that has a higher pH than normal due to pollutants. Some pollutants found in acid rain are both sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide. These pollutants are transmitted into the atmosphere by wind and air currents, from the burning of fossil fuels. Acid rain then acidifies both soil and water. In forests, acid rain causes the loss of important nutrients in soils. It also weakens plants, making them more vulnerable. As a result of this, there is a decrease in biodiversity. Surprisingly, acid rain can even affect buildings and statues.

Many people have misconceptions when it comes to ozone as a pollutant. There can be both good and bad ozone. There are two layers of ozone. The good ozone layer is the farthest away and acts as a protective shell around the Earth, keeping out the sun's UV rays. The ozone layer closest to us is most harmful. It has been built up by the burning of fossil fuels. It causes challenges for those who breathe it in and for the vegetation it comes in contact with. With vegetation, it reduces photosynthesis and growth rate in plants.

Mercury is an air pollutant that is almost forgotten, or simply unknown. Mercury frequently enters ecosystems by water discharge. When relating to air pollution, mercury can enter the air through smokestacks, by the burning of coal. Once it is in the atmosphere, mercury returns to the earth by rain, sleet, snow, fog, gases and even dust particles. Mercury then causes neurological, behavioral, and physical effects in animals and plants, within the fish species specifically, for example. Fish eating birds, such as bald eagles, then show a reproductive decline.

Bike Share Explanation/Research

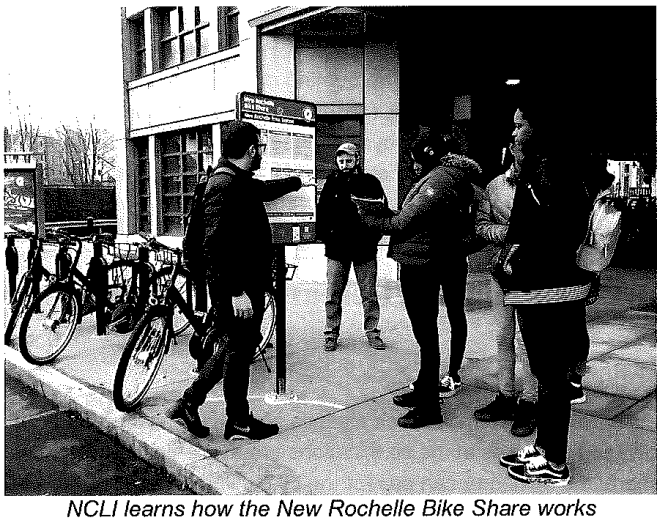
What is a bike share?

A bike share is a system in which stations of bicycles are posted around an area, for example, a city, and the bikes at the bike stations are available for individuals to use. Depending on the bike share, the customer can pay for the bike using an app so they can take a bike from the bike station. Once the person no longer has a use for the bike, they will find a nearby bike station to return the bike. Bike sharing is not limited to bikes alone, there are also scooter shares. Anything that could get people from place to place could be used in a share.

New Rochelle Bike Share

On February 15, 2019, we visited the New Rochelle Bike Share, located in New York, right in the heart of the city. To begin, the New Rochelle Bike Share was thought up to satisfy a gap in transportation, after spotting a need within the city. For many people, they had to walk a mile to get to a bus stop and then the bus would get them to the train station. The thought was, how could the city conveniently deal with transporting people within that mile? After the City of New Rochelle put out a proposal for a bike share, P3 global management took on that proposal creating the New Rochelle Bike Share. To bring attention to the bike share there was a lot of community outreach, social media posts, and bike education events. When choosing where to place bike share, it was important to make sure to take into consideration the most frequently visited places within the city. In March 2018, the bike share launched with 50 bikes eligible for use by all people age 16 and up.

In order to pay for the bike share, sponsors were needed. One of the New Rochelle Bike Share sponsors are Danny's Cycles. They are responsible for maintaining the bicycles. One common misconception is that a bike share will never make enough money to pay for itself, but in actuality depending on the situation with the help of sponsors a successful bike share could pay for itself in a few years.



NCLI learns how the New Rochelle Bike Share works

In order to use New Rochelle Bike Share, you have to download the app onto your smartphone. On the app, you can make payments, locate surrounding stations, and unlock the bike of your choice. Although rewards aren't available, they do offer discounts for bike passes. For a 30 minute ride it costs two dollars. For a weekly pass it costs $12.95. For an annual pass it costs $95 to ride with New Rochelle bike share, luckily for students they received a discounted price of $65.

While bike shares are useful, there are still some concerns such as bike monitoring. There is no way to determine if you will face destruction of property when you add new equipment to the area. One way the city of New Rochelle keeps their bikes secure is by attaching their bikes to station poles, similar to bike racks, instead of having a stationless system. A stationless system is a method of using a bike and leaving it anywhere whereas, a bike station is a method of using a bike and locking it to a station pole. The bikes have a chain that cannot be detached which gets wrapped around a station pole and locked .The bike is able to be used once the app unlocks it.

Another way the City of New Rochelle keeps their bikes secure is by having GPS trackers (along with lights, baskets, and horns) on their bikes . This allows them to track their bikes activity in current time. When asked if they face vandalism they gave the answer of "hardly", partly because the City of New Rochelle was smart in picking their locations.

When looking at locations for bike stations, the City of New Rochelle did some research rather than installing the bike stations randomly. To make sure they received the best results, the city of New Rochelle researched the most visited and active areas in the city. A representative from P3GM and the City went around and measured the sidewalk for accessibility, measured for gas lines, and to make sure they weren't on private property.

There are many aspects that the City of New Rochelle had to think about to start their bike share. People come in many different variations. To allow people of different heights, ages and size to fit comfortably on the bikes New Rochelle has included a lever on the bike to adjust to the users liking. To make sure that the audience is responsible enough to be on bikes they have made an age restriction. The rider must be a minimum of sixteen and if they want to ride without a parent. Unfortunately the riders cannot design their own bikes but that's a minor issue.

As a result of visiting the New Rochelle bike share, we have drawn a multitude of conclusions. With the customer transactions within a bike share, you have to take into account what is most convenient for all customers of all ages, meaning having affordable prices and payment methods that are inclusive. In addition to making the bikes inclusive, locations that cover a large area within the city is required so that most residents have access to them. With the bikes, you must be attentive to them in case they may need repairs, but also to avoid theft and vandalism proper stationing may be required. Lasty, thinking of funding for the bike shares is a significant part. Funding keeps your bike share running and protected. The New Rochelle bike share showed the necessary behind-the-scenes components to have a successful bike share.

Surveying Poughkeepsie High School Students

Methodology

We began our surveys by researching what questions should be asked in a bike survey. From there we came together and discussed which questions should be used. We wanted questions that would give us the most information about the students bike experience (Appendix A). After we proofread and adjusted the forms, each NCLI student was responsible for seven surveys to bring to school. Some of us asked teachers to distribute the surveys amongst the class while the rest of us simply interviewed our peers. Once we all completed our interviews we summarized the collected data which consisted of 23 surveys.

The Survey

To begin the survey, we asked students if they have ever owned a bike at any time during their lives, surprisingly all said yes. It turned out that most students still own a bike, but 8 do not. Students have been riding bikes anywhere from 1-15 years.

The majority of students feel safe when they ride their bike in the City of Poughkeepsie. Among the seven who don't, reason include worries about violence and people not abiding by road signs. Along with riding their bikes in Poughkeepsie, about half have rode their bicycles outside of Poughkeepsie. Most would agree that the roads were better in the other places they rode their bikes. One students just thought riding bikes "boring". Eleven students have not rode their bike outside of Poughkeepsie.

To go along with this, we attempted to test the knowledge of students to see if they have ever heard about a bike share or bike safety. Thirteen students did not know about a bike share. Ten students did. We then explained what a bike share was to the students who didn't know. When asked if they would ever use one thirteen said yes and three said no. Six people were not sure and said maybe.

When asked about their knowledge on bike safety, eighteen students claimed to know about bike safety already, which somewhat corresponded to the fact that fourteen students were not interested in learning more, possibly due to the fact they already had prior knowledge. Despite this, five students said they did not know about bike safety, which would correspond with the eight students interested in learning more.

With appropriate weather a number of students seem to get out on their bikes. Only seven people out of all of the students within the survey do not ride their bike at all, or very rarely, even in nicer weather. All other students do get out even if it is for a short period of time. Most students do not use their bike as a main form of transportation, with only 6 students using their bikes frequently for this purpose.

Students seemed to have a number of factors keeping them from getting out onto their bikes. Two students mentioned they would ride more if they had a partner. Two students agreed they would ride more if it was more convenient. Five other students would ride more if they weren't so busy, or feeling lazy. Six students would ride their bike more if they had a properly functioning bike. Two students would ride their bikes more if they had a safe place to put it, along with add ons on the bike for their belongings. Two students would make an attempt to get out on their bikes more if the weather was warmer.

One issue seemed to be the physical aspect and maintenance of the bikes. When faced with a malfunctioning or broken bike many students have a family member fix their bike. A few students even seemed content with throwing away a broken bike and buying a new one. We presented the option of learning to fix their bike and twelve students were interested in the opportunity.

The majority of students do not ride their bike to school, with only 3 students saying they did it often, or very often. When asked about their justification for not riding their bikes to school very often there was a variety of answers. Eight students simply get a ride, drive themselves, or walk to school for convenience. Five students did not have a bike, or had a bike in poor condition. Two could not give a straightforward answer. One person was scared for the safety of their bike and one person's parent wouldn't allow it. One student believes it is to cold.

Students at Poughkeepsie High School are aware of both the positive and negative side of riding a bike as an alternative to driving. Although only a few students drive, still many students have an idea of the effects. For example, almost all students agree that it causes less pollution, is great for exercise, saves you money and even keeps you out of traffic! Unfortunately there were two students who didn't agree and don't see biking as a better alternative.

For the last question we had each student mark three locations on a map of the City of Poughkeepsie where they would like to see a bike share station. The map (Appendix B) shows the different locations that were chosen.

Proposal

The NCLI group would like to propose a bike share in Poughkeepsie. We specifically propose a stationary bike system, where bikes are attached to either a bike rack or station poles. In Poughkeepsie, we strongly would not advise the use of a stationless system. This system would increase chances of theft and vandalism.

When given a survey, we received a variety of submissions as to where a bike share should be put from the youth at Poughkeepsie High School. For Poughkeepsie, we suggest the most popular locations taken from the survey (Appendix B).These locations include: Spratt Park, the Walkway Over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie High School, and College Hill Park. Having Poughkeepsie High School at the heart of the bike share, and locations such as Spratt Park and College Hill Park a great distance away, we cover a lot of area within Poughkeepsie. This can help reach residents in multiple areas in the city and not only the high school students.

There are many funding options when considering putting in a bike share in the City of Poughkeepsie. If the City does not have money to put towards a bike share, sponsorship is a good alternative. In the City of Albany, the health care provider CDPHP sponsors the bike share, which is called CDPHP Cycle! The City of Poughkeepsie could investigate the possibility of having a health care provider or facility sponsor the bikes. Another sponsorship option is to invite local businesses to sponsor one bike in the bike share. The bike that they sponsor would have their logo to give an added opportunity for promotion.

Another option when it comes to funding is through bike share/ bike infrastructure/ bike education grants. One grant that the City could receive funding through is a Climate Smart Communities Grant Program by completing PE6 Action: Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking. Another example of a grant the City could apply for are the grants that People for Bikes put out once or twice a year. This grant supports bicycle infrastructure as well as bicycle advocacy. For more information, see the respective websites listed in the Works Cited below.

Before the implementation of a bike share, we propose added biking infrastructure. To build a relationship that promotes safety between cyclists and drivers, we suggest sharrows and bike lanes on the streets. Sharrows are street markings that outline a route for cyclists, informing both cyclists and drivers of the road separation. We also suggest signs that would inform cyclists of roads where they may need to take caution, the specific lane they should remain in, where they can park their bikes, and areas where they must look out for pedestrians. We also suggest signs for drivers as well, which can let them know where the bicycle lane is and that cyclists may be nearby, along with the bike sharrows. When bike infrastructure was discussed with the members of the city and county staff, we were told about left over funding within the budget, which we suggest can be used particularly for bike infrastructure.

Works Cited and Additional Resources

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MIT Air Pollution Study: http://news.mit.edu/2013/study-air-pollution-causes-200000-early-deaths-each-year-in-the-us-0829

General information about air pollution: https://www.environmentalpollutioncenters.org/air/

World Heath Organization on Air Pollution: https://www.who.int/airpollution/en/

Scientific study on air pollution and health:
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5122104/

Disparities in the Impact of Air Pollution: https://www.lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/outdoor/air-pollution/disparities.html

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New Rochelle's bike share page: https://www.bikenewrochelle.com/

P3GM- https://www.p3gm.com/

The City of Albany's bike share: https://cdphpcycle.com/

Climate Smart Communities Grant Program: https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/actions/

People for Bikes Grant Program: https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/

Resources on NCLI

NCLI Website: https://dutchessncli.com/about-us/

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County page on NCLI:
http://ccedutchess.org/environment/no-child-left-inside/dutchess-no-child-left-inside

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DutchessNCLI/

Instagram: dutchessncli

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rolison- A lot going on in the city, since we last met, and a lot of it centers around the school district. Which I'll run down the list of what I have and I'm sure there may be other things that I that I may have missed but it has been an event filled late spring early summer Warring School, Moore School had their field days. We had one of the most spectacular weekends probably ever in the history of the City of Poughkeepsie, starting with the parade honoring our basketball team and our girl's crew team state champions, with just a great ceremony at City Hall. Prior to that, the best parade with confetti being thrown off the tower ladder at Main and Market, which I mean, I just don't think anybody was expecting that to happen, and then went into First Friday, where the boys and girls were brought down there, and they were honored there again. And then we started off Pride Weekend with pride picnic on Saturday, the Pride Parade on Sunday, and the pride festival Sunday afternoon. There were thousands of people here in the City of Poughkeepsie for all of those events. And I wanted to really give a great deal of praise to the Department of Public Works, which worked for days at Mansion Square Park where First Friday was, attended by two thousand plus people. They worked at City Hall, they worked at Waryas. I also want to thank my colleague Natasha Cherry for bringing the Friday Night Lights Crew down to the ceremony at City Hall, which again was just so great to have all of those students there as well. The Police Department that made sure everybody was safe at all these events. The Fire Department that took place, actually was part of the parades, and made sure that everything was safe as far as the Fire Departments concerned, with all the different inspections they do at the First Friday events.
So then you also had the SABP championship game at the Middle School. Clinton and Krieger. Clinton prevailed in that really spirited game.

Then there were student awards for most improved students that Councilperson Flowers has been doing for many years at Warring School, which I was invited to attend this year. And again to see the improvement of so many different students from every single class was really exciting, but it also just gives you a really good feeling about what our students are accomplishing within the school district.

We also had the grand opening of the state Assembly Office where our Jonathan Jacobson right over here at Main and Market. And that was on Friday, right before the parade and the Assemblyman was so gracious, because originally he had scheduled for 4:00 moved it to 3:00, so he could participate in the parade and the ceremony at City Hall.

We also had the Greek Festival that was going on over the weekend. There was a block party on Harrison. There was an event I know Ms Flowers will talk about at Malcolm X, again all these things going on, Many of them simultaneously. All had such a great impact on just the feeling of everyone in the city having a good time. The Special Olympics opening ceremony at Vassar College Friday night. An unbelievably moving ceremony, 1600 athletes from across the state competed here over the weekend, and then on Saturday and Sunday you had open studios here in the City of Poughkeepsie. A lot of work went into that. I was looking at the book. I think there were 28 different locations where there were things going on.

I actually had been asked to, and I'm glad that they that I went up to the Glebe house where I got to use a loom and textile manufacturing. That's older than the Glebe House, early 1700's, they actually disassembled it and assembled it in the Glebe house. Saw firsthand how people actually made stuff so it just was amazing. And you know at the time that it would take to make a blanket, or a rug, or some sort of garment, was really it really was an incredible weekend.

I don't think I missed anything on my list but I'm sure there's some things that everybody else would be able to fill in on.

I did mentioned before that we are having another public forum on the YMCA on the 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Christ Church over on Carol Street. And we look forward to that.

I have a special recognition tonight that that came up, because we've had just a really great event take place with our public safety dispatchers and Ethan McGee, if Ethan is here. Ethan Come on up my friend.

Joe Lyons supervisor.

Councilmember McNamara: Would you like us to join your Mayor?

Mayor Rolison: So Ethan took a call from a Father whose wife was having a baby, and Ethan walked the father and the mother through having the baby. He talked them through the delivery which obviously was successful and the cutting of the umbilical cord. I understand that everyone is doing fine. I'm so proud of you.We get thousands and thousands of calls. Thank you so much!

I would like to end my remarks on.I have been notified through the grapevine that today is Lorraine Johnson's birthday.

Congratulations, Mrs. Johnson. That concludes my remarks.

Happy Birthday Ms. Lorraine Johnson.

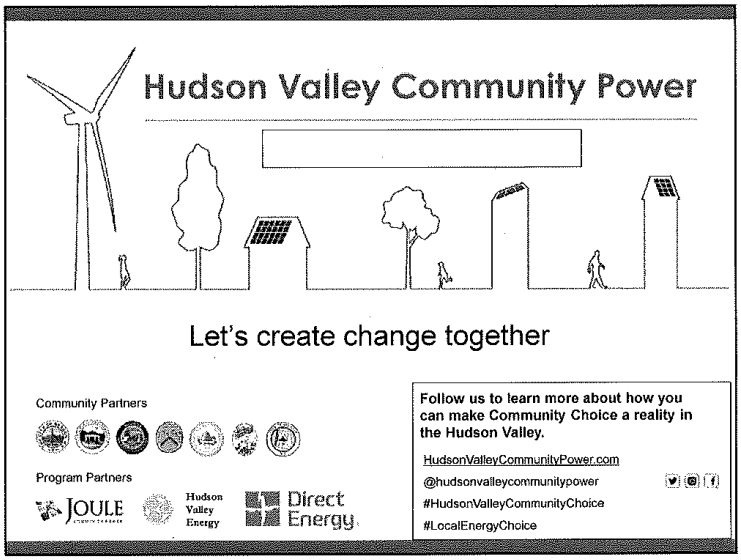
VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **FROM COUNCILMEMBER SALEM**, a Communication on the Adoption of a Municipal Natural Resources Inventory.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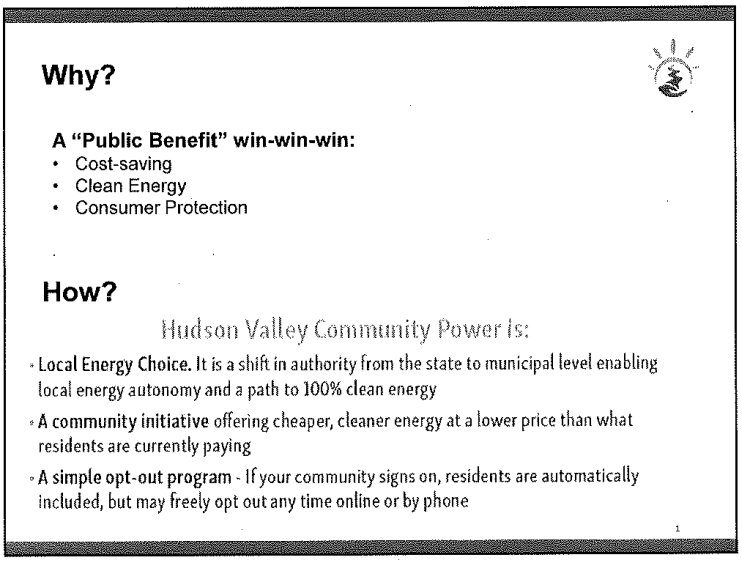
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• Local Energy Choice. It is a shift in authority from the state to municipal level enabling local energy autonomy and a path to 100% clean energy
• A community initiative offering cheaper, cleaner energy at a lower price than what residents are currently paying
• A simple opt-out program - If your community signs on, residents are automatically included, but may freely opt out any time online or by phone
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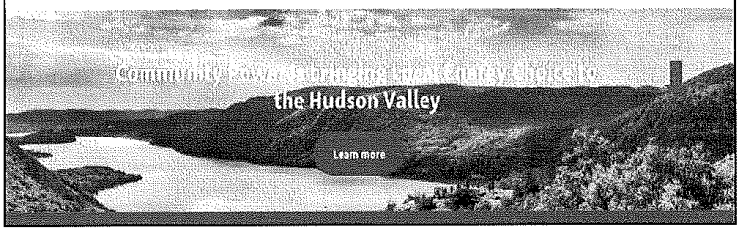
Key Takeaways

Hudson Valley Community Power on July Central Bill ("Direct Energy Services")

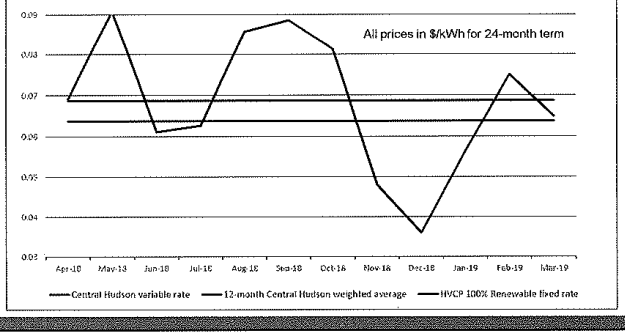
100% New York State Renewable Energy is the new default supply.

You received a letter in the mail that describes program details and your options as consumers, unless…



Rate Comparison

12-month Central Hudson weighted average	HVCP 100% Renewable fixed rate	Savings
0.0687	0.0636	0.0049
	HVCP Standard fixed rate	Savings
	0.0608	0.0079



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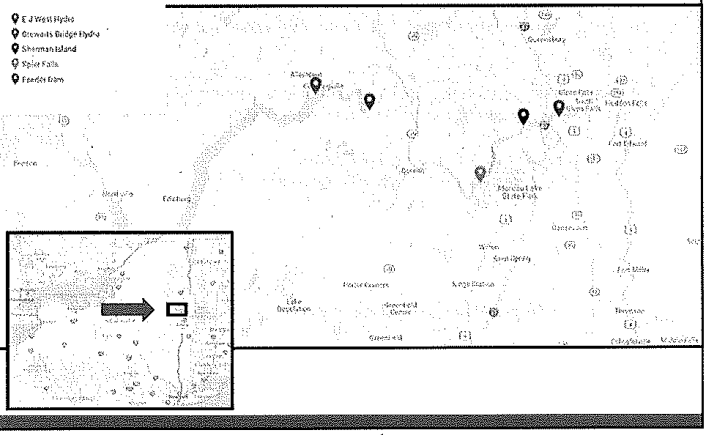
Supply Source Options

Hudson Valley Community Power Renewable Hydropower Facilities



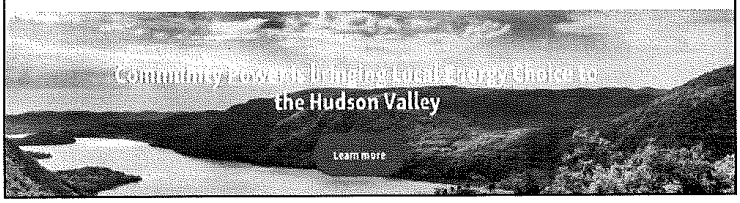
Program Opt-Out Choices

If you do not wish to participate in the program, you may opt out, as follows:

Opt-out by mail: Fill out the prepaid opt-out card enclosed in the Notification Mailing

Opt-out by phone: Call us at **845-859-9099**.

Opt-out online: Visit **www.HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com** to use the Opt-out Form. Enter Enrollment Account Number when prompted.



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Community Solar

The CCA supply is 100% New York State renewable, mostly hydro and wind, however…

You can further support the development of local clean energy by subscribing to a solar farm here in the Hudson Valley.

Subscribing to a community solar farm:
- Reduces your electricity bills by roughly 5-10%
- Supports clean renewable generation in your area!

Contact us to learn more!

Note: The Notification Mailing will include information on where you can go to learn more, and how to be notified when local solar options become available.

Next Steps

- Notification Mailing package mailed to eligible customers
- Opt-Out period through **June 20th**
- Program supply rate reflected on **July** Central Hudson bills
- Public education sessions through **June 19th**
- For questions or to learn more:
  - **Email**: info@HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com
  - **Program Hotline**: 845 859-9099
  - **Website**: www.HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com
  - **Visit us** at our **Community-hosted Office Hours …**

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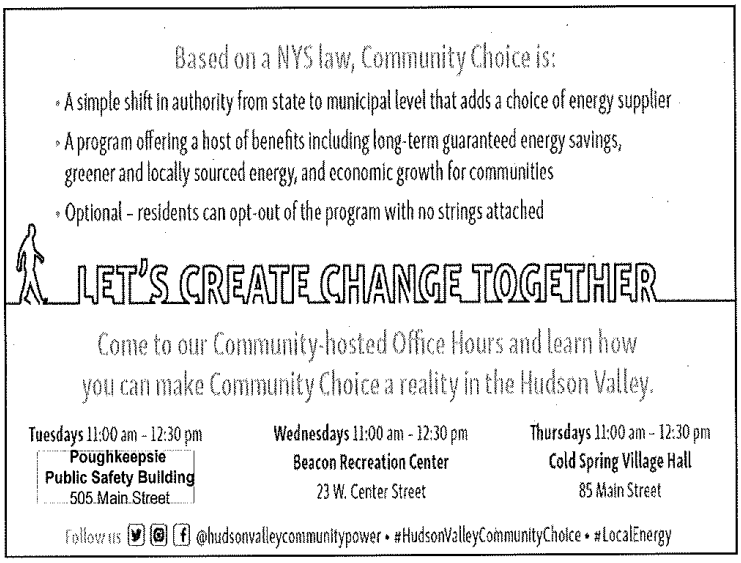

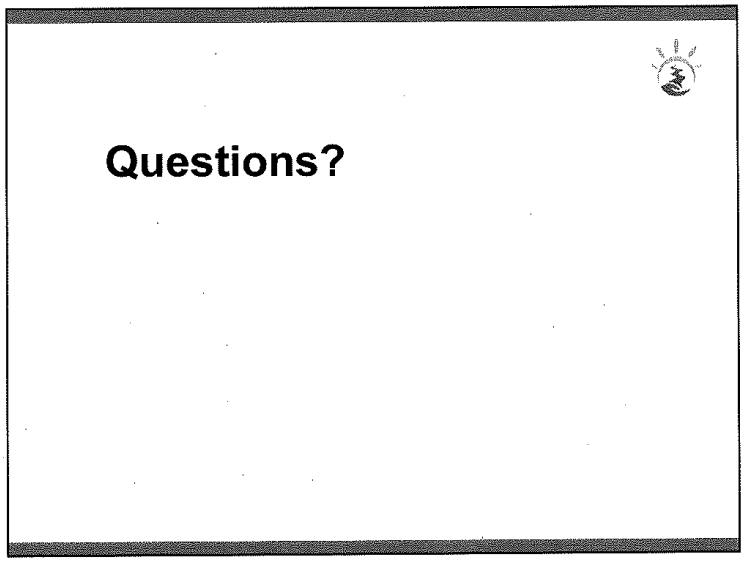

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2. **FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CALOGERAKIS,** a communication regarding a proposed project to develop a portion of the Crannell Street Parking lot and an agreement to conduct due diligence.

3. **FROM LORENZO L. ANGELINO,** a notice of intent for DC Indoor Golf, located at 10 Crannell Street to amend their liquor license. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**

4. **FROM SOBO & SOBO,** a notice of personal injury sustained on March 19, 2019. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and Councilmember Lorraine Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Dated: October 12, 2019

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on
Respectfully submitted,

Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain