

## KIRKLAND-CLINTON CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

To: Kirkland-Clinton CSC Task Force, Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland  
From: Alma Lowry  
Re: Minutes of January 15, 2026 Kirkland-Clinton CSC Task Force Meeting  
Date: January 21, 2026

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**Present:** Alma Lowry, Alan Cole, Shirley Knop, Liseli Haines, Mona Perrotti, Kathy Collett, CSC Task Force Members; Samantha Franciso, Kaitlyn Colluci, MVEDD

### I. Admin:

The meeting began with a request for any changes, edits, or questions about the minutes from the prior Task Force meeting on December 18, 2025. No comments were made and the minutes were approved.

### II. Subcommittee Reports:

(a) **Repair Café** subcommittee reported that the next event is scheduled for Feb 28 from 10 am to 1 pm at St James Episcopal Church. Volunteer experts have been contacted and the subcommittee is going to limit the number of people asked. The subcommittee may ask for help with publicity closer to the date.

(b) **Municipal Climate Action Plan:** Task Force members discussed the scope of the municipal climate action plan (focused on actions that the Village government controls or funds) and the details needed to create an approvable plan. Samantha and Kaitlyn explained that the plan has to be officially adopted by the Village and released to the public. If there is review and comment on the draft Plan, the Village will be eligible for additional points. We discussed the potential for the Community Conversations at Hamilton College (led by Alma) to help plan and facilitate some community engagement on a draft Plan.

Task Force members provided some comments on the draft document in the meeting (some concerns about repetitiveness, structure, and the need for some additional data). Comments were also provided on the document directly by other Task Force members. Samantha and Kaitlyn agreed to forward some recent examples of municipal Climate Action Plans created by other communities. **The Task Force recommended that the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee review comments, revise the document accordingly, and recirculate.**

### III. Town Reapplication for Bronze Certification:

Alma reported that the Town reapplication was not submitted in January, because we were still missing data to update the Greenhouse Gas Inventory (fleet data). The next submission deadline is May 22. A question was raised about the Town and Village representatives to the Task Force and whether we had to demonstrate a certain amount

of attendance. After reviewing the requirements quickly, it appears that we need to have designated representatives from both Village and Town, but that there are no clear mandates for attendance at Task Force meeting.

#### **IV. Other Potential Projects:**

**(a) Expanding Task Force:** Discussed the need to ensure that we have designated Town and Village representatives and the hope to expand membership to include representatives of small businesses, agriculture, etc.

**Alma** agreed to contact the Town and Village to ensure that we had adequate representation and to ask the Chamber of Commerce if they would circulate a request for participants.

**Liseli** has been trying to reach a local teacher who runs the environmental group in the elementary school

**Mona** agreed to contact Laura Stoll at the library for possible KTL-affiliated members.

**Aaron** (maybe) had previously agreed to contact someone at Agway about possible participation.

**(b) Community Solar Campaign:** the Task Force again discussed the possibility of an educational event focused on either the film “The Light Won’t Dim” or community solar representatives or both. In addition to some concerns about the political nature of the film shared by some members, the consensus was that the film wasn’t enough to anchor an event. After discussing a range of solar-related issues (community solar, balcony solar, solar generators) as well as the potential to connect to Third Act’s solar campaign, a subcommittee formed to explore the options for an educational event on solar and give some recommendations to the Task Force. **Alam, Mona, Kathy, and Liseli** agreed to participate.

**(c) Swap Shed/Resale Center at Town Transfer Station:** **Liseli** had been looking into this idea, but is still doing preliminary research.

**(d) NYPIRG Collaboration:** this potential project is mentioned in earlier notes, but no update was available. **Alma** will follow up with Steve O

No new business was raised and there were no announcements. The next meeting is currently scheduled for **Thursday, Feb 19 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.**