

**Minutes of the Kirkland/Clinton Climate Smart Task Force  
Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

Present: Steve Orvis, President; Sally Carman, Secretary; Alan Cole, Webmaster; Brendan Marris; Joanne Giles; Liseli Haines; Alma Lowery; Mona Perrotti; Bryan Roy

The January minutes were approved.

**Solar campaign**

There was a discussion of whether to embark on a campaign to promote community solar in the Village and the Town. Steve talked to Elizabeth Tantillo, Clinton Mayor, and she is favorable to the idea.

However, it needs to be approved by the Village Attorney. Steve also discussed this with Garry Colarusso, Town Deputy Supervisor. Garry has been ill and thus has not attended our meetings recently. He also said that it would have to pass by the Town Attorney. (Tony Hallack is out of the state until April)

Sally noted that Solstice has several advantages: they offer sign-on bonuses and lower energy fees (about 9.5% reduction), they have preexisting solar farms in New York; and several of their representatives are known to us.

A sub-committee is needed to organize a campaign. The solar company will provide materials, send out mailings and email campaigns, and put information on social media

**Action item:** Steve will get references from the solar providers.

Questions were raised: Mona asked how the sign-up process works? There is consolidated billing so residents receive only one bill. In 90 days they receive a credit based on the KWH used.

**Action item:** It was agreed that we choose Solstice to promote to the Village and Town Boards. We set a goal of 50 households to sign up as a target. Achieving this number would earn us points with NYSERDA.

It may be possible to combine this with the heat smart campaign. Steve will be out-of-town for three weeks and thus unable to spearhead this until later.

**Action item:** The solar sub-committee members will include Steve, Sally and Brendan. Joanne would be available only to present a resolution to the Village Board. (They meet the first Monday of the month.)

**Flooding meeting**

The Sherman Brook Study on flooding will be presented at a public meeting on Thursday, February 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. It will take place at the Kirkland Town Offices, 3699 State Route 12B in Clinton. Our committee members are urged to spread the word, especially on social media, and also attend the meeting.

**Action items:** Steve will produce and distribute posters of the event. Sally will send a notice to the *Waterville Times* by the Friday noon deadline. [done]

The Town Board will hold a public meeting about an ordinance regarding solar and wind. It may be regarding taxes on these.

**Action item:** Steve will circulate information to the committee on the date of this public meeting.

The next meeting of our committee will be on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m..

Sally Carman  
Secretary