

**Minutes of the Kirkland/Clinton Smart Communities Task Force  
March 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Alma Lowry, Coordinator; Sally Carman, Secretary; Alan Cole, Webmaster; Shirley Knop; Gerry Gogel; Liseli Haines; Kathy Collett; Bryan Roy; Aaron Strong (at 6:45); Mona Perrotti (at 6:50); Samantha Francisco, MVEDD; and Allysa Dupont, who is helping us while Amanda Weiland is on maternity leave.

The Minutes of February were approved.

**Repair Café**

The first repair café has been schedule for June 14, 2025 from 10 - 1 at St. James Church assembly room. Volunteer experts are being solicited to help with small appliance repair, electronic repair and clothing repair. Ten volunteers have already agreed to do this. The Village may contribute some money for consumables.

**Climate Action Plan**

Greenhouse Gas emissions targets are still to be determined. Data of emissions by the Town have now been completed. The next step is to present alternative plan ideas to the Village and Town. We can use examples of plans generated by other communities which are available on the website. Aaron wants to work with students on developing plan ideas. Developing a plan of emissions for all the households in the whole community is more difficult. We should start out with the Village, which is smaller. We might be the first in the Mohawk Valley to do this.

**Culvert on Norton Avenue**

In order to receive points for the Town, documentation of the project is needed with the “ before and after” photographs. This was done to reduce flooding from the Oriskany Creek and will be continued next year. Information on the sizing of the culvert project, the water flow rate before and after, and the width of the stream would be needed to obtain credit for the project.

**Action item:** Mona will contact Jon Scott of the DPW regarding any photos taken of the project on Norton Avenue. (His phone is 315-748-3725)

The question was asked if the Route 12B construction would garner any points. It is being done by the DOT, thus would only garner points if the Village contributed money to the project. The Complete Streets Program requires a complete plan for infrastructure improvement for the whole Village.

Any photos or documentation should be sent to Samantha at: [sfrancisco@mvedd.org](mailto:sfrancisco@mvedd.org), 315-941-6187

## **Bronze Certification**

The Town has a deadline of April 11 to submit an application for Bronze Certification. Educational events that would qualify: electric car show on June 9, farmer's market booth. Photos are needed for these events. Send them to Alma and Samantha.

The Clinton Elementary School has a Green Team. Aaron has worked with them.

**Action item:** Aaron will send information about the Clinton School Green Team to Samantha.

Aaron has been compiling the fuel data from the Town truck inventory. Some of the data needs to be corrected.

**Action items:** Aaron will contact Garry Colarusso from the Town and make the necessary correction in the fuel inventory. He will forward information to Alan to put on our website.

## **Signs**

Mona reported that the signs are for Tree City and are extremely small and easy to miss. There are no signs about being a Bronze Certified Community.

## **Plastics**

The webinar sponsored by the Kirkland Democrats on the problem of plastics in our environment is available on line. It should be mentioned on our website. The link is:

[https://bennington.zoom.us/rec/share/Eh-gzKhGmV5EBL4OeHrZGYuBuVIVSo7F0L53EpBeed5C8COLWv\\_57LmCf98WCqRm.pOodyfv\\_RFNt\\_GBY?startTime=1740612759000](https://bennington.zoom.us/rec/share/Eh-gzKhGmV5EBL4OeHrZGYuBuVIVSo7F0L53EpBeed5C8COLWv_57LmCf98WCqRm.pOodyfv_RFNt_GBY?startTime=1740612759000)

There will be a rally day on May 7, the site to learn more is: [bit.ly/5-7-25](http://bit.ly/5-7-25)

## **Oneida Shines**

Oneida County is sponsoring a new program. The plan is to install rooftop solar on local businesses or non-profits. The requirements are a roof installed within the last 25 years, and ownership of the building. If the building is not owned, permission of the owner is required. This will also give the business a 25% discount of electric bills for 20 years. It includes safe removal at the end of the lifetime of the units. This cannot be a municipal building. Ideas for buildings to receive information should be sent to Samantha. Whether this includes NYSEG customers is to be determined.

[<https://www.sunwealth.com/oneida-shines-pdf>]

The next meeting will be on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Sally Carman  
Secretary