

Kirkland Clinton Smart Community Task Force
April 17, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Present: Alma Lowry, Coordinator; Liseli Haines; Sally Carman, Secretary; Gerri Gogel; Alan Cole, Webmaster; Shirley Knop; Samantha Francisco

The minutes for March were approved.

Town Actions

The three priority actions for the Town to receive Bronze status were sent to NYSERDA. The Greenhouse Gas Inventory was completed by Aaron Strong and submitted. A total of 18 more points than required were submitted in case all were not accepted. Results are expected in June, when a month to make changes is available if needed.

Reuse café

A date of June 14 has been set for the Reuse Café. Garry Colarusso will submit a request to the Town to pay for consumables needed for the Café. Thus far there are eight volunteers to help with repairs. It will take place in the Parish Hall of St. James Church from 10 - 1.

Action plan: Alma will send out reminders about planning for the Café.

Climate action plan

A meeting is needed to work on a plan.

Summer projects

We hope to have an electric car show on June 8 at Clinton Central School.

We plan to take part in the Farmer's market on the Village Green

We should encourage rain barrels. Sometimes the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority has a sale of these. They also have compost for sale. Samantha will check on this. We can get points for promoting these. It can be included on our Facebook page. Brendan Marris has a rain garden as an example.

The NYS Pollution Prevention program gives grants to those with plans to reduce waste. These are due by April 18.

Action item: Alma will confirm the dates of the Farmer's Market and submit our request for a spot with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

Action item: Gerri will contact Chip Bassett about sharing a table with the Kirkland Trails.

Action item: Gerri will contact Oneida County Cooperative Extension regarding rain gardens.

Sustainable farming

The Mohawk Valley Farm and Agri Business Bureau has a network connecting restaurants with farms. We could include information on Community Supported Agriculture at our Farmer's Market booth. We could plan a farm tour series.

We should contact Jack Riffle - Local Foods of Mohawk Valley - concerning the move to eat green and local. We could facilitate information and loan opportunities being made available to farmers. Samantha can help with this.

Any innovative ideas incorporating sustainable farming would gain us points.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sally Carman
Secretary