

Kirkland/Clinton Climate Smart Task Force
May 11, 2021 - 6:30 pm.

Present: Carol Gable, Coordinator; Alma Lowery; Alan Cole; Mona Perrotti; Steve Orvis; Joanne Giles, Clinton Board Liaison; Sally Carman, Secretary

Bikes: Matthew Van Slyke owns the Utica Bike Shop as well as the one on College Street in Clinton. He has also set up a bike repair area in back of the Kirkland Town Library and will be conducting a workshop for them. He repairs bikes and give them to disadvantaged youth in Utica. He will be working with the Kirkland Trails group. Alan suggested Matt could have bike information at a combined table at the Farmer's Market in Clinton. <https://uticabikerescue.org>

Action Item: Carol will contact Matthew Van Slyke about speaking to our group

Electric Car Show -We have nine cars signed-up to take part in the electric/hybrid car show. It will take place on Sunday, June 13, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm in conjunction with the classic car show sponsored by the Clinton Fire Department. The site is the Clinton Central School grounds on Chenango Street. Beth? Has a an electric mini-van, and someone should check with Aaron Strong who knows Beth.

Action item: Mona will request a table for the Farmer's Market which is organized by Jackie Walters of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. The first Market will be held on Thursday, June 3 and we will provide two shifts of two each to sit at the table.

The shifts would be: 10 - 12 and 12 - 2. Perhaps high school students could help during the summer. We might share a table with another group such as: the Boynton Pool, Kingfisher Farms, or Kirkland Trails. Steve volunteered to work at the table when he is in town. (He will be in Romania in the fall.) Shirley also volunteered.

Possible brochure: A brochure about our Task Force would contribute to the community education segment of the NYSERDA certification. This could be printed at the Hamilton College Print Shop at low cost.

Action item: Kathy and Sally will work on developing a three-fold brochure.

Heat Smart - Bennett Sandler is Director of Utica Heat Smart. The climate action group of Indivisible Mohawk Valley has been sponsoring meetings about these heating alternatives. <https://www.heatsmartmv.org/>

Action Item: Kathy will contact the Heat Smart group about a possible workshop at Kirkland Town Library or a table at the Farmer's Market.

Green Energy Fair - a possible Fair to be held in the fall was discussed. Perhaps it would be better held in the spring. The location could be the Village Green or the Clinton Arena. Sally noted that a previous fair organized by meteorologist Richard Morris, held at the Arena, was not

very well attended. Perhaps there could be a booth at the Art and Music Festival in late August or something at the Antique Show held at CCS in November.

Action item: Mona will ask Jackie of the Chamber of Commerce about having a booth at the Art and Music Festival in Clinton on August 27-28.

Action item: Alma and Aaron will continue work on development of an education plan.

Food waste survey: There was an excellent response to the survey of Clinton Village residents regarding their interest in collecting food waste. An article about the project, written by Steve and Mona, appeared in the *Waterville Times*.

Action item: Sally, Steve, Mona, Kathy and Liseli will meet to tabulate the 213 responses.

New electric car charging station: Kirkland will be installing a charging station midway back on the Clinton Arena, parking lot side. A \$2000 down payment is required, and will come from the \$5000 received from NYSERDA for satisfying certain criteria for certification as a Climate Smart Community.

Sally was appointed as liaison to the CKIC Committee discussed at the last meeting. George Kuckel will be in touch with her regarding meeting times.

Carol announced that she will be moving to Utica. Does this mean a different coordinator will be needed? She will still be working in Clinton.

Potential solar farm on Kirkland Avenue in Clinton. A public hearing about a planned solar farm will be held on May 24 at 7:30 pm. A petition against it is being circulated. We are asked to attend the meeting in order to support solar projects. (Alma sent a detailed plan to our committee.)*

The next meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, June 8.

The following meeting will be held in person at the Kirkland Town Park on July 13.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Sally Carman
Secretary

* Aaron, Mona and Sally attended the Kirkland Planning Board Meeting on May 24. At the last minute the venue was moved from Lombard Hall to the Kirkland Municipal Building. However, the public hearing portion was delayed until the next Kirkland Planning Board Meeting, on June 28, 2021.