

Kirkland Clinton Smart Community Task Force
May 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.

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

The minutes for April were approved.

Bronze for the Town

We have not yet received a response from NYSERDA regarding the information uploaded for the Town of Kirkland. A response is expected in mid-June.

Repair café

The Repair Café had been scheduled for June 14 at St. James Church from 10 - 1. However, it has been learned that on that date a number of rallies are planned in Rome, Utica, New Hartford and Hamilton. This involves several of our members who are helping with the Repair Café. A change of date is possible. The time will be changed to 10 - noon.

Action item: Alma will send an email to the list of experts who are working on the Repair Café to see if they have a conflict.

Posters will be distributed the week before the event. Help is needed in distributing these. Press releases will be sent to the *Daily Sentinel*; *Waterville Times* and the *Patch*.

Farmers Market

Alma talked to Chip Bassett, President of Kirkland Trails. We will share a table with them at this summer's Farmers Markets. They will need insurance. Our group has insurance. We will have a table on July 10, 24 and August 7, 21.

Fourth of July celebrations may be at the Kirkland Town Park.

Electric car show

The electric car show will take place in conjunction with the Classic Car Show at CCS on June 8.

Action item: Sally will clear this with Clinton Firemen sponsoring the event. [Done]

Action item: Alma will talk to the Village Mayor regarding purchase of electric equipment.

Committee members who have electric cars are: Alma (Leaf), Mona (Bolt), Sally (Subaru plug-in) and Alan (Volvo).

Sustainable gardening/farming

We might partner with Wild Ones Group for an event. A farm tour is another possible event. We could coordinate with Oneida County Cooperative Extension. Rain gardens could be part of a tour. Brendan Marris designed one for the Utica Zoo.

Action item: Steve will contact Brendan regarding rain gardens.

Action item: Samantha will contact Cooperative Extension about involving Master Gardeners.

We might include a rain barrel or a compost bin at the Farmers Market booth. Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (OHSWA) had a sale of these, and might have some still available.

Action item: Samantha will ask Eileen, the Recycling Coordinator at OHWSA, about availability of these bins.

Action item: Steve will ask Wild Ginger Farm if they are willing to donate a tree again for a raffle at the Farmers Market.

Action item: Alma will circulate a sign-up for staffing the Farmers Market table.

We will not meet in July or August.

The next meeting will be on June 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following meeting will be on September 18.

Sally Carman
Secretary