

**Meeting of the Clinton Kirkland Climate Smart Community Task Force**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Orvis, coordinator; Alan Cole, webmaster; Sally Carman, secretary; Brendan Marris; Kathy Collett; Liseli Haines; Shirley Knop; Matthew Syke

The minutes were approved.

Alan reported that \$8 million dollars are available for climate smart actions. See:  
<https://www.ny.gov/programs/clean-water-clean-air-and-green-jobs-environmental-bond-act>

Liseli reported on the Oriskany Creek Watershed meeting. A new chair will take over next month. They are looking for funds from the member municipalities.

Steve reported that we achieved the heat smart goals: 12 residents in the town and 5 in the village have signed up for heat pump systems.

**Action item:** Steve will contact Elizabeth Tantillo and Garry Colarusso concerning the idea of supporting a community solar project.

**Electric vehicle show**

The show will be on Sunday, June 11 this year, sponsored by the Clinton Fire Department. This falls on Hamilton Alumni Weekend. Since many of us will be out-of-town that weekend, it was decided that we will not take part this year.

**Fourth of July parade**

The parade will be at about 7 pm before the fireworks. We would like to include a parade of electric vehicles displaying posters with slogans. The parade starts on Elm St. and continues to CCS.

**Action items:** Liseli will contact Kathryn Arcuri (Town secretary to the Supervisor) regarding our group's participation in the parade. Steve will send an email asking for participation by those with electric or hybrid vehicles.

**Points from NYSERDA**

Our group needs 120 points to obtain bronze designation. The Village has accrued 85 and the Town has 69. Though the range can be variable with 30 more points possible depending on the what the State decides is appropriate. Both need a fleet inventory.

The Education Plan can receive 8 points, but an adaptation public event is required. Both communities must approve the plan. A Climate Action Plan is important, but also must be

approved by both.

The mitigation requirement was achieved with the heat-smart sign-ups. Organic waste collection has variable points depending on the decision by NYSERDA.

**Suggestions** for adaptation

Rain garden barrels, planting trees, naturalized planting, permeable sidewalks, a truck to pick up food waste from organizations in the Village Matt and Amanda can help with adaptation plans and a climate action plan.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Sally Carman  
Secretary