

## **Minutes of the Kirkland/Clinton Climate Smart Community Task Force**

Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Alma Lowry, Coordinator; Sally Carman, Secretary; Alan Cole, Webmaster; Shirley Knop; Kathy Collett; Liseli Haines; Steve Orvis; Steve Bellona

The minutes of the May 23 meeting were approved.

### **Electric car show**

We had five electric and hybrid cars as well as a literature table at the Cruise-in Car Show sponsored by the Clinton Fire Department and held on the grounds of the Clinton Schools on June 9. There were about 6- 10 people who expressed interest and asked questions of the owners.

### **Farmer's Market**

We will be taking part in the Clinton Farmer's Market sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The dates are: July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22. Kirkland Trails members will help staff the booth. A location near the Clinton Democrats would allow people from that group to help. Staffers should bring their own chairs. Sally has the table, tent and signs.

**Action item:** Steve will ask about getting a tree donated for a raffle to generate interest, and Sally will print raffle tickets.

Thank you to Steve Bellona for covering our group's membership in the Clinton Chamber of Commerce this year.

**Action item:** Alma will distribute a sign-up for staffing the Clinton Farmer's Market booth on Google.docs. Steve O. said he can fill in as needed. Kathy will forward it to the Kirkland Trails group.

### **Fourth of July Parade**

There are not enough people with electric cars available to take part in this year's parade. The high school environmental group is not interested.

### **Cooling centers**

Liseli reported that the Kirkland Town Library staff members are not aware of a cooling center policy at the library.

### **Certification**

Steve Orvis submitted the fleet inventory for the Town. Aaron has the greenhouse gas

emissions data for the Town. The Heat Smart Campaign has been completed. Both the Town and Village should be eligible for Bronze certification. There is a move to combine the CEC with our group. The Village Clerk, Marc Goldberg, has information on money that will be available through grants when these are combined. The requests for grant money need to be submitted by October.

The bronze certification announcement from New York State will be made soon. Marc Goldberg will put this on the Village website and Alan will put this on the website for our task force. This should include a quote from the Clinton Mayor.

### **Flood mitigation**

Liseli reported that more information on the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission findings will be forthcoming in August.

### **Future projects**

Various uses for the NYSERDA grants are being considered. These include: installation of car chargers in the Village and electric landscape equipment. A larger grant might be used to purchase an electric truck for DPW use. The procedure is to send cost estimates to Amanda and then New York State will send a check to cover purchase.

A reminder that the Primary Election in New York State is June 25.

The next meeting will be August 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sally Carman  
Secretary