

Meeting of the Clinton Kirkland Climate Smart Community Task Force
Thursday, July 20, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

DRI proposals

There seems to be preference for building renovations. Our food waste project was submitted, but seems unlikely to be chosen.

Hamilton College has its own composting program, and possibly an anaerobic digester in the future. Is the digester owned by the Village fixable?

Action item: Steve will ask about Clinton's aerobic digester. How much would it take to fix it?

Art and Music Festival

Sally reported that the booths this year are restricted to art or musical groups, i.e. KAC and Wellin Museum.

Farmer's Market Booth

Therefore it was recommended that we do a booth some time in August as part of our educational component. However, this year a proof of liability insurance is required. The Kirkland Democrats use the Dryden Agency through the Burns Agency for insurance for their events. Sally contacted the Village Office and they indicated that we are not covered by their insurance. She looked up insurance on-line which costs about \$105 for an event.

Action item: Steve will contact the Mayor and the Town regarding insurance coverage.

Action item: Steve will email our task force regarding insurance coverage and possible dates for a farmer's market booth.

Educational event

We hope to plan an educational event on adaptation to climate change in October, preferably in the first week. Amanda from NYSERDA can give a presentation. The Kirkland Town Library is considered the best venue.

Native plants around solar farms

The solar company agreed to use pollinator plants on the ground surrounding the solar panels on Kirkland Avenue when they received a go-ahead from the Kirkland Planning Board. Will they comply with this? Several letters have been sent to the company with no response. Invasive species are not allowed, i.e. Norway maple,

Action item: Steve will contact the installers of the solar farm on Kirkland Avenue regarding the planting around and between the panels.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. to avoid a conflict on August 17.

Sally Carman
Secretary