

Minutes of the Kirkland/Clinton Climate Smart Committee
September 14, 2020

The following were present on Zoom at about 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020: Carol Gable, Coordinator; Shirley Knop; Alan Cole; Mona Perrotti; Kathy Collett, Steve Bellona Clinton Mayor; Liseli Haines; Alma Lowry; Sally Carman, Secretary; Aaron Strong and his 17-member class * at Hamilton College.

The meeting began with each person introducing themselves.

One of the class members, Jason, will be working with Meredith Callaghan on greenhouse gas inventories as part of his Hamilton College class project.

Liseli reported for the **Organic Waste sub-committee**. Steve Orvis developed descriptions of the yard waste provisions for use on the Kirkland and Clinton websites. A pilot project is proposed for compostable waste using the CNY Green Bucket Project. It would include 14 households at a cost of \$21.75 per month. This compost is taken to the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority where it is fed into the anaerobic digester to produce fuel. A source of funding for this pilot project is needed. Suggested ideas include- contacting the Town-Gown Fund of Hamilton College for a possible grant, or asking village residents to donate.

Action item: A follow-up with the Department of Public Works (DPW) is needed before the yard waste documents can be uploaded to the websites.

Kathy Collett reported for the Kirkland Trails Committee. They are working on possible extension of the Trails and will be working with Steve Grimm, Superintendent of Clinton Central School (CCS). This would apply to the **Complete Streets** task included in the NYSERDA requirements to become a Climate Smart Community.

Alan and Alma reported that a stand alone website for Kirkland and Clinton is now online at: <http://kirklandclintonclimatesmart.org/> Carol Gable's email is listed for any questions.

Action item: A facebook.com page is also needed. However this would need to be updated more frequently. Kathy and Alma volunteered to work on this.

The facebook page might include: survey links, data collected, etc. It would be listed under facebook.com/groups.

Action item: Aaron's class would provide data on community utilities on a monthly basis to comply with the clean energy audit.

Education events are taking place on Zoom this fall. It is important for the community to: meet the task force members, have a place to express concerns and ask questions, note the energy savings that have been made on the conversion of street lights to LED, provide the vulnerability assessment data, and records of the meetings held.

This information can be put on the website and an article placed in the local papers.

Action item: Carol will draft an article for the *Waterville Times* and *The Clinton Record*.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. This will be a community meeting on zoom in place of our task force meeting.

The November meeting will possibly be on the second Tuesday (November 10) at 6:30 pm depending on the calendar of the Town of Kirkland.

Solar regulations. The Town engineer is investigating the distance between solar units which is currently 10 feet in order to obtain a unified solar permit. The regulation for solar units may be approved at the next town board meeting.

Action item: Steve Bellona will obtain municipal vehicle fuel usage data for the Village.

Sally Carman
Secretary

* Aaron's class names - (to be corrected)

Andrew, Nick, Sharon, Abbie, Emma, Gabe, Revive?, Nina, Lupita, Ben, Eric, Gabrielle, Jay, Amy, Asher, Francesca, Jason