

## KIRKLAND-CLINTON CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

To: Kirkland-Clinton CSC Task Force, Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland  
From: Alma Lowry  
Re: Minutes of March 26, 2026 Kirkland-Clinton CSC Task Force Meeting  
Date: Climate Smart March 26

Attendance: Alma Lowry, Alan Cole, Shirley Knop, Liseli Haines, Kathy Collett, Bryan Roy, Steve Orvis

- 1) Approval of minutes: approved unanimously
- 2) Kirkland Town Bronze Re-Application: No update from Aaron on completing that; Alma will contact him
- 3) Subcommittees Updates
  - a) Climate Action Plan: Steve produced a draft; rest of committee needs to review and Aaron has to input data
  - b) Solar Outreach Committee: Alan: No progress since the last meeting; considering options such as local rooftop vendors, community solar, and plug-in solar; Alan will reach out to Samantha for more information on the community solar option
  - c) Swap sheds: Liseli: several models possible; will depend on what town is willing/interested in; Liseli has reached out to Gary, and will again to discuss
  - d) Repair Cafe: Feb 28, good balance of volunteers and they were kept busy; 12-13 repairs; slightly down from last one; next one planned for June 13, 10-12 at St James Church
- 4) Upcoming Events:
  - a) DEC Webinar: NYS Climate Policies, Plans and Programs (Apr 2 on-line); Steve, Alma and Alan registered to attend
  - b) NYS Climate Connection Summit (Utica, NY): 2 reps per municipality: Alan registered, Alma asked Elizabeth and Gary if they want to send someone; Alma and Steve are interested; Alma will ask Samantha about more details and circulate invitation to taskforce
- 5) Other Issues:
  - a) Solar siting moratorium in the Town of Kirkland – Updates?: Gary said that Town Board is not interested in a moratorium; may be interested in some revisions to existing issues - bond for decommissioning, setbacks vis-a-vis neighboring properties, underground utilities, our possible solar event could tie into these concerns; Mona may have letter from the group - Alma will try to get it from Mona or Gary; will also try to find people with more expertise with local ordinances
  - b) Expanding Task Force membership – Updates?: Alma will write up an appeal to send out to the Kirkland Democratss and Chamber email lists; will explore meeting less frequently and occasionally in person; would

require reminders to keep people on task; Alma will circulate these issues and we will discuss at next meeting

- c) Farmers' Market Tabling – should we do this again? Part of our required annual educational outreach; decided we will do again but focus our message, probably on solar; perhaps have a survey of residents' interests/concerns to generate discussion; Alma will reach out to Chamber to secure access
- 6) New Business/Announcements/Suggestions: No new business
- 7) Next Scheduled Meeting: April 16 at 6:30 via Zoom