

Town of Jay
Climate Smart Community Task Force
MINUTES recorded by Knut Sauer
December 11, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

Attendees: Robin Licari, Knut Sauer, John Culpepper, Lana Gokey, Wally Walters, and Carlie Leary.

- A. Review/Approve of Minutes from October 16th meeting.
No minutes available, and Knut called for a volunteer to be our minute recorder. None attending volunteered, so will make another call for a volunteer by virtue of these minutes. Knut volunteered to record these minutes
- B. Update on NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program.
Carlie advised there as not been any news, but they remain hopefully another round of funding will be allocated some time in 2025. The Town of Jay had about \$200,000 in grants within reach given pending projects Tier 3 Heat Pump Campaign, Solar Panels, EV Chargers, and CSC Bronze Certification. Should the CEC High Impact Action Program be funded again in early 2025 we will be in apposition to take advantage of it quite quickly (given rules and actions remain the same)
- C. CSC 3.0 and Bronze CSC Certification Updates.
We have submitted about 140 points, towards the required 120 from Bronze Certification, but need two more Priority Actions. Carlie has completed the PE2 Priority Action Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and ready to submit for 16 points. Knut is finalizing the PE9 Priority Action Climate Change & Education Plan, and should be ready to submit by next week for 8 points. In addition there is the Website action and perhaps another one smaller we will submit. Expect roughly 170 points, allowing us enough buffer (hopefully) if some are rejected during application. Next step is Silver certification, no municipality in the Adirondacks has achieved Silver yet. Requires 300 points and a number of additional priority actions that may be a bit more comprehensive, such as perhaps a Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Wally also suggested we simplify resources, and make it easier for residents to get help, i.e. through website and a contact person residents can reach out to for guidance. The Town offices is the contacts, and they can typically refer them to the taskforce chair who can help steer in right direction. We are also working on website updates and uploading resources etc.
- D. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update-CSC subcommittee?
Wally shared survey feedback specifically as it relates to the Infrastructure and Climate Smart questions etc., and overwhelming concern about climate change and belief there is a need to invest in conservation and renewable energy, highly supporting our taskforce efforts.
- E. Composting initiative and grant.

Request to apply for a grant to set up a 12 month pilot program to be made to the Town Board on Thursday (December 12th) board meeting. Jennifer Perry will present a project scope to town board.

F. Updates on initiatives.

1. Solar Panels- *Bids received, and projected to be awarded tomorrow, December 12th. Projected installation March/April 2025*
2. EV Chargers- *Final contract pending and expected any day now from DEC. Next step will be to go out to bid once DEC contract received, and projected installation April/May 2025*
3. Campaigns- *Ongoing, no news to report.*

G. Other.

Discussed 2025 projects, like “walkability” initiative and applying for sidewalk grants, and if compost pilot project launches well to apply for a recycling transfer station pilot program.

H. Next Meeting?

- I. *Either January 27, 28 or 29 at 4 pm. Please advise your availability/preference of day.*