

Town of Jay Climate Smart Task Force --- 01/28/2025, Community Center, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Participants: Knut Sauer (Chair), Wally Walters (Recorder), Robin Licari

On-line (Go-To-Meeting): Olivia Dwyer, John Culpepper, Katie Culpepper

Handouts (email): Agenda, Jay Climate TF meeting minutes 12112024

Post Meeting Handouts: North Country ARVBA Flyer (for 25 Feb 2025 Energy Opportunities Virtual Presentation at noon & 6 pm), Issue Analysis #1 (Inputs) & Issue Analysis #2 (Topics) for Climate & Infrastructure Working Group 28 Jan 2025

1) Call to Order (Knut S) 12:00 pm.

2) Minutes of 12/11/2024 meeting (Knut S): unanimously approved

3) Recap of 2024 (Knut S): good year with initiatives
- recent submittal of packet for CSC ‘Bronze’ certification
- looking ahead to work on the Jay Comprehensive Plan

4) CSC Bronze Certification Update:
- March 10th anticipated announcement date for certification
- NYSEDA uncertainty in funding outlook as some state funds depend on sourcing from Federal govt; lots of uncertainty

5) Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan:
- Climate TF is basis for Comp Plan Climate & Infrastructure Working Group
- initial task is using judgement and public inputs to identify ‘focal topics’ for detailed examination
- two memos addressing this; first compiling public inputs; second providing analysis and proposed focal topics: Transportation Master Plan, Climate Action Plan, Resiliency, Materials Management, Infrastructure Enhancement
- discussion of Community Survey results wrt Climate & Infrastructure
- general discussion on focal topics:
-- John C suggests ‘Land Management Options’ to include education of land-owners about pesticides, with possibility Materials Management would be a subset of this; looking for ‘high impact, low cost’ solutions
-- John C: also consider how to protect plants and animals, e.g., encourage pollinator gardens (by an education campaign)
- Feb Climate TF meeting will focus on the Comprehensive Plan

6) Composting Initiative and Grant:
- anticipating potential award of grant on March 8th
- town received grant for salt shed
- Robin L: “it would be useful to have compost collection,” not just for individuals to have to take compost to collection sites

7) Au Sable Forks EV Chargers Initiative:

- lengthy application being worked on
- pursuing Level 2 chargers at Community Center and fast charging at Topps

8) Updates on initiatives:

- working to obtain solar panels for town garage facility
- EV Chargers contract finalized with DEC for Jay and Upper Jay chargers; potential changes may challenge this coordination as the contract references APEC solar, but the town will have to solicit more broadly
- Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR) on community solar/EV/heat pump initiatives
- a potential solar farm is coming to the town of Peru; sign-up opportunities to be determined

9) 2025 Climate TF goals:

- participate in Jay Comprehensive Plan Update as Climate & Infrastructure Working Group
- pursue Climate Smart Communities 'Silver' Certification

10) Date of Energy Fair: TBD

- prospective date to be floated after the meeting [6 Sep 2025 proposed] for discussion in February; to be decided by mid-March if to propose a date in June
- discussed whether to co-host with Keene or Wilmington; decided to invite their attendance but not co-host, in order to simplify planning; will consider co-host invitation in 2026
- John C expressed wish to invite more young exhibitors, farmer vendors; possibly have a 'food fest' with a celebration atmosphere

11) Next Meeting (decided after the meeting): Wed 19 Feb 2025 4-5 pm at Community Center

12) Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Notes taken by Wally Walters without opportunity to review recording of meeting