

*Town of Jay*

**Climate Smart Community Task Force**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

**Community Center Au Sable Forks and via online**

Attendees: Norman Ward, Olivia Dwyer, John Culpepper, Wally Walters, Knut Sauer

- A. Minutes from August 6, 2025, meeting were approved. Motion by Wally, second by Olivia, and all in favor.
- B. Updates on initiatives.
  - 1. Solar Panels highway garage: no update, September 8 install date still on.
  - 2. EV Chargers (Jay and Upper Jay): Contracts still being finalized.
  - 3. Compost pilot program: No news from DEC about release of contracts and approval by Comptrollers office.
  - 4. NY State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant: Launch meeting was held with NYSERDA, will be moving fast. Contract expected this week hopefully so we can go out with an RFP for Audit. Plan to complete audit by end of November and decide on projects and go out to bid in December, if possible.
  - 5. Complete Streets Policy grant application: no update, grant awards expected in late fall.
  - 6. Au Sable Forks EV charger project: Contracts just received by DEC. Needs review and finalize with DEC.
- C. Sustainability and Energy Fair Planning: So far about 20+ vendors, a good variety of vendors, but like to get at least 25-30 vendors to table at the fair. \$1300 in sponsorship which will cover the entertainment and kids' activities and advertisement of event. Everyone to reach out to possible vendors to see if we can get a few more sign ups. Wally recommended maybe for next year we invite other neighboring towns to participate in event, which is a good idea as it would help publicize the event and hopefully draw more attendees.
- D. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update (Wally): Wally gave an update on the plan. Second survey closed, and we received 238 responses, while 105 of residents is a very good number, it fell quite a lot short from the first survey. However, initial review indicates a much more broader demographics and less consensus on topics and priorities etc. Highest consensus was "pollutants" and enforcement of ordinances. Next step is a deeper analyses, figure out "what else do we need to find out that we don't have a good handle on?", and do some select interviews in October and November. Wally mentioned that it appears that some people in the public don't seem to understand that a Comprehensive Plan is a plan, and not automatically adopted initiatives etc.
- E. Next Meeting- October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm