

*Town of Jay*

**Climate Smart Community Task Force**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2025 @ 4:00 pm**

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

Attendees: Olivia Dwyer, Knut Sauer, Wally Walters joined mid-way, Lucy Ward, Greg Zais (Chesterfield Climate Smart Communities Taskforce).

- A. Minutes from August 25, 2025, meeting was approved. Motion by Olivia, and all in favor.
- B. Updates on initiatives.
  - 1. Solar Panels highway garage: The installation is complete-pending inspection week of October 13, and then NYSEG connect. Approx. \$120,000 funded through various grants and incentives, and \$45,000 estimated Town of Jay contribution. With 70,000 annual kWh generation it is estimated to save \$8-10K per year, with a breakeven of 5-6 years and a life span of 30 years.
  - 2. EV Chargers (Jay and Upper Jay): Contractor ready to move forward with installation, but pending contract extension and MWBE waiver from DEC.
  - 3. EV Chargers Au Sable Forks: Pending budget and workplan development with DEC, expected in November.)
  - 4. Compost pilot program: In process of getting quotes for training and community outreach, 40' container, and food scraps hauling, to finalize budget and workplan with DEC. Expected launch of program in Q1 2026.
  - 5. NY State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant. Audit was awarded to L&S, contract being signed the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>, and audit project to begin week of October 20<sup>th</sup> with completion early December.
  - 6. Complete Streets Policy grant application - no update, grant awards expected in late fall. This will be a project expected to launch mid-2026 and go through mid-2027 if grant is awarded.
- C. Sustainability and Energy Fair recap: Due to rain had to move indoors last minute. Community Center gym was a nice venue and worked very well. Unfortunately, the weather impacted turnout, but nevertheless the event went well.
- D. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update: Olivia gave an update, reiterating the update from August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, with an update that the Comprehensive Plan Special Board was looking to identify groups/demographics who may not have been well represented with feedback in surveys and through other means yet. As an example, a event was held at Tahawus Cultural Center for organization engaged in arts and culture. Successful turnout with about 40 people attending. Key take away was that the organizations need help with primarily admin work, such as helping organize events/fairs/festivals and help with applying for grants etc. This could be something an eventual Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau staff could manage.
- E. Next Meeting- TBD, Knut to send out suggested dates for late November/early December.