

Town of Jay

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Community Center Au Sable Forks and via online

Attendees: Wally Walters, Lucy Ward, Tyler Eaton, John Culpepper, Greg Zais (Chesterfield), Robin Licari, Olivia Dwyer, Knut Sauer

- A. Minutes from December 10, 2025, meeting was approved. Motion by Olivia and second by Lucy, all in favor.
- B. Updates on initiatives.
 - 1. Solar Panels highway garage: Complete, generating electricity, albeit only a little given snow cover on panels and limited sun.
 - 2. EV Chargers (Jay and Upper Jay): Installation to start the week of January 19th.
 - 3. EV Chargers Au Sable Forks: Pending budget and workplan development with DEC.
 - 4. Compost pilot program: Pending contract from DEC, hauling and education/outreach portion awarded. We are still looking to launch educational portion in April and launch facility in May.
 - 5. NY State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant: Audit by L&S complete. Big document with a lot of data etc. A virtual review meeting to be held with NYSERDA and L&S on January 20th at 2pm. Taskforce members are invited to attend and Knut to circulate a copy of audit report to taskforce members.
 - 6. Complete Streets Policy grant application: \$30,000 Grant award was announced, but no formal notification in the grants portal yet. Requires a 50% match, can be in-kind, including volunteers, but at minimum wage and therefore would require a lot of hours to make up any significant dollar value. Staff in-kind at current wages with benefits approximately \$33/hr. Will most likely require town to match in cash (+/\$20k) using occupancy fund monies to make up the 50% match requirement. It is a good investment, as having a plan in place will strengthen future grant applications and make them score higher for projects, including sidewalk renovations and improvements etc.
- C. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update: Wally gave an update on current status. Have been reviewing the stakeholder plan and community profile that was completed. Stakeholder interviews to take place over the next few weeks. Infrastructure section and interviews to be held with Highway department and Water & Sewer department. Supervisor Stanley has been invited to present to the APA about the Town of Jay and the issues we are facing on February 19th. Matt Gilman (Planning board member) and Wally have provided Supervisor Stanley with some documentation/write up to help guide him in his presentation to the APA.

D. Other

1. Annual Progress report will be updated and circulated after the Upper Jay and Jay Village Green EV chargers have been installed.
2. The “new” Town of Wilmington Town board is interested in establishing a CSC Taskforce, and we will invite them to attend our meetings in the future, and offer any guidance they may seek. The more of our neighboring towns that have a CSC taskforce the better and the more cooperation we can seek, such as with the Sustainability and Energy Fair.
3. At the last meeting we set a tentative date for the Sustainability & Energy Fair for September 12th, and this remains the preferred date.

E. Next Meeting set for February 19th at 5pm.