

Town of Jay

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Community Center Au Sable Forks and via online

Present: Robin Licari, Matt Stanley, Wally Walters, Greg Zais (Chesterfield CSCTF), Knut Sauer, and guest Melinda Beuf

- A. Minutes from January 12, 2026, meeting was approved with all in favor.
- B. Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act bill: Guest Melinda Beuf.

Melinda gave an update about the history and reason for the PRRIA bill, and the need for municipal support to ensure it puts up for a vote by the state senate and assembly. See attached short info on the PRRIA act. The taskforce members in attendance all seemed in favor of the bill, however, Knut cautioned to recommend the Town Board to pass a resolution in favor of the bill would need us to convince some board members in advance. Ideally any resolution is passed unanimously, or at least 4-1, but if there is only a support of 3, then it is a indication of dissent and opposition, and does not carry as much weight, and it is also perhaps a battle not worth pursuing. Supervisor Stanley expressed some concern about the bill. We agreed it would be better to do some more community outreach first, perhaps a petition, and also wait and see what the rest of the taskforce members may suggest etc.

- C. Updates on initiatives.
 - 1. Solar Panels highway garage: Complete.
 - 2. EV Chargers (Jay and Upper Jay): Upper Jay installation complete, pending NYSEG inspection. Jay to be installed in early spring when ground is not frozen due to concern with existing inground utility lines.
 - 3. EV Chargers Au Sable Forks: Pending budget and workplan development with DEC.
 - 4. Compost pilot program: Contract from DEC is imminent, expect signed by end of February. Hauling and education/outreach portion awarded.
 - 5. NY State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant: Audit by L&S complete, next step pending confirmation from NYSERDA if grant funds can be used for L&S to help write bid specs for the projects. Town leaning towards roof insulation, windows, and possible some wall insulation in select rooms.
 - 6. Complete Streets Policy grant application: Awarded...pending official notification from DEC
 - 7. Annual Progress Report. Posted on Town website.

- D. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update (Wally).

Wally gave an overview of project status and what is next. The document shared prior to the meeting is the CSC working group input to the consultants. We should be looking at developing a community project wish list for future consideration which would also support future grant applications.

E. Sustainability & Energy Fair.

Wilmington Festival of colors is on September 12th, so we need to consider an alternate date.

It was agreed that there is not going to be an ideal date without any conflict. The weekend before is a planned Arts Fair in Au Sable Forks, a couple weeks before then is Jay Day, and the weekend after 9/12 some CSCTF members may be away. Chesterfield wants to be co-organizers, and Greg said they would be fine with keeping the 9/12 date. We agreed we still have some time and make a decision at next meeting.

F. Next Meeting date not set. Knut will circulate some dates with these minutes.