Town of Jay

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

March 31, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Attendees: Robin Licari, Olivia Dwyer, Lucy Ward, Greg Zais, Wally Walters, Tyler Eaton, Knut Sauer.

A. Minutes from February 19, 2026, meeting were approved. Motion by Wally and second Olivia, all in favor.

B. Updates on initiatives.
   1. Solar Panels highway garage: Up and running and without snow cover we had good/high generation in March.
   2. EV Chargers (Jay and Upper Jay): Upper Jay inspection complete, pending final connection by NYSEG and some final detail work by contractor (APEX).
   3. EV Chargers Au Sable Forks: Still pending budget and workplan development with DEC.
   4. Food Scraps/Compost pilot program: Finalizing contract with DEC, hauling and education/outreach portion awarded. Anticipated "launch" April, with ribbon cutting in May.
   5. NY State Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant: RFP developed for writing bid specs for roof/ceiling insulation and window replacement.
   6. Complete Streets Policy grant application: Awarded-but no updates.

C. Town of Jay Comprehensive Plan update: Wally gave a update on the progress of the plan and next steps, and presented a draft write up on (our) the Climate & Infrastructure working group recommendations, which is very well done. Thank you, Wally, for all your efforts. We need to provide Wally with feedback by no later than Monday, April 6th so that it can be incorporated into the document. Wally also shared the Economic Development working group documents which we can draw on as well for ideas.

D. Other: Nancy Bernstein and Michelle completed the 2025 benchmarking report for our buildings. Overall looks like we have achieved some good decreases. See attached report.

E. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 5 pm. Agenda to be circulated in due time.