

TOWN OF CLINTON CSC TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 22, 2025

The July 22, 2025 meeting of the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force was called to order at 7:00 pm. Committee members in attendance, both in person and via Zoom, were as follows:

Eliot Werner, Deputy Town Supervisor & CSC Task Force Representative

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force Chair

Richard Marshall, CSC Task Force Member

Jim Metcalfe, CSC Task Force Member

Ken Pickett, CSC Task Force Member (via Zoom)

Judy Malstrom, community member

Introduction

Joe Phelan introduced the evening's meeting agenda. He then asked members if there were any questions, additions, and/or changes to the minutes of the previous meeting of June 24, 2025. With no objections raised, the minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting were accepted by the acclamation of the Task Force members in attendance.

Clean Energy Communities Grant Funding

Joe Phelan again this month updated the CSC Task Force members regarding the status of the \$10,000 CEC grant that was submitted to, and approved by, NYSERDA for the Task Force to conduct a NYSERDA energy study of the Town Highway Garage facility and to begin addressing the study's recommendations. The report from L&S Energy Services, as designated by NYSERDA, regarding the energy audit of the Town's Highway Garage facility, was conducted on April 14, 2025, for the purpose of identifying possible energy efficiency projects that could be conducted by the Town and approved by the NYSERDA CEC program to reduce the Town's fossil fuel energy usage. However, due to L&S Energy Services backload of audit reports, the Town still has not yet received the report of NYSERDA CEC-approved projects. Several inquiries of NYSERDA and L&S Energy Services have been made since the audit was conducted. The Town has been informed that provision of the report is imminent. However, the report still had not been provided, nor has the Town been invoiced for the cost of the energy audit from the \$10,000 CEC grant.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Outreach

Joe Phelan and Barbara Mansell are scheduled to meet in mid-August via Zoom with Scott Kleinberg, the new Climate and Environment Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC), to discuss details for participation in the municipally-based Climate Smart Resiliency Planning initiative to address data collection activities regarding the Town of Clinton's policies in addressing possible future crises/natural disasters resulting from the results of climate change. Scott will be providing more specific outcomes and processes for participation to Barbara and Joe at their scheduled meeting on August 14, 2025, at which point the process for moving forward with this initiative will be discussed further.

Government Operations Climate Action Plan (GOCAP) Report

Richard Marshall provided an update on the recent discussions with Hudson Valley Regional Council staff to enable the Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force to resume working toward addressing and

completing a Governmental Organization Climate Action Plan (GOCAP), with the assistance and support of the HVRC's Elizabeth Sun and Eleanor Peck. The GOCAP, as developed by the CSC Task Force, and with review by and approval of the Town Board, would address the following topics regarding the Town's operations: Transportation; Municipal Facilities and Renewable Energy; Natural Resources (Water and Land Use); and Waste and Recycling. Upon completion of a draft GOCAP document, likely not earlier than Fall/Winter 2025, the CSC Task Force would plan a presentation to the Town Board, with a request for Clinton Town Board approval, ultimately leading to implementation of the adopted plan by the Town of Clinton.

Future Town of Clinton CSC Task Force Interest/Projects Under Discussion

The assembled CSC Task Force members discussed several related upcoming activities that have been scheduled in the Town, including a repair café, as well as further discussions of suggestions regarding composting and a possible shredding event.

The next meeting of the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Clinton Masonic Lodge. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force Chair