

Climate Smart Committee Minutes April 7, 2026

Attendance: Anna Rizzo, Mike Styne, Linda Sheehan, John Sheehan, Sally Lawrence, and Mindy Fowler

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 P.M.

The meeting started by discussing Town Wide Clean-Up Day which will take place Saturday, April 25 between 8:30am-noon. The Climate Smart Committee will plant trees at Butler and set up a table to hand out flyers. Val Kavanaugh was unable to attend however; she has coordinated a banner for our table so we will have one for this and future events. Linda has made a list of questions to engage the public at our table, as well.

Next, we discussed a monthly newsletter with the Village of East Nassau, Stephentown and New Lebanon. Anna explained that the Village of East Nassau has made one for April which will go out in the Supervisors newsletter. Sand Lake will be creating one for May which is going to be about Lawn Alternatives.

Anna reported that the Community and Government Greenhouse Gas Inventory were both submitted. Mike reminded us that these are priority actions. They are on our website for the public to view. PE6 Action: Planning for Biking and Walking was also submitted. In 2021 the Town completed a trail feasibility study with Verity Engineering and Byer Planning. The study was funded by a Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant. We have also submitted PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities. We are now one point away from being certified!

By participating in Clean-Up Day and creating Bingo Cards to handout we should qualify for PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events (3 points). Additionally, Mike is going to look into creating an Instagram account for our committee. Anna will also talk to the Town Clerk about posting our newsletters on the Town of Sand Lake Facebook page.

May 22 is the date to have all our points submitted in our portal.

REMINDER: Actions can be found on the Climate Smart website linked below.

<https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>

Adjourned 6:53 P.M.