

Climate Smart Committee Minutes

June 2, 2026

Attendance: Anna Rizzo (AR), Mike Styne (MS), Brenna Sambrook (BS), Sally Lawrence (SL), Val Kavanaugh (VK), Mindy Fowler (MF)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

The meeting started with old business. VK brought up a play about the Earth at the Summer Reading program day on June 27. This is the deadline for Bingo Cards as we will plan on putting them in each reading bag that the kids receive. They will also have our information on the back to spread awareness for the Committee. Some ideas for prizes include beeswax wraps, metal water bottles, candy, ice cream cards, and honey.

New Lebanon wrote the June Newsletter on plastic reduction. Keeping the text inline seems to be more efficient than having a document in the newsletter.

Lastly, for old business, we are still waiting to hear from the Climate Smart Communities Program on certification. AR explained that getting certified would help with The Town's CFA grant to relocate the Highway Department's salt shed.

New business started with the discussion of more tabling events. The 250th Celebration on Saturday, July 11 is one event we are considering. We brainstormed from 5-6pm at Butler Park. This could be a collaboration with another group, as well. SL mentioned that New Lebanon is hosting a Repair Café that day which will not conflict with the 250th Celebration. Kiwanis Summerfest is also an option which typically occurs in late August.

The Committee will be planning 2 more Clean-Up Days for late summer. Dates and times are TBD.

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

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

Adjourned 6:40 P.M.

Next meeting date – July 7, 2026