

**TOWN OF CLINTON CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE MEETING
TUES, AUG 25, 2026, 7:00 PM, IN PERSON - CLINTON TOWN HALL, CENTRE RD.**

(2026-27 Clinton CSC Task Force meeting dates currently scheduled in person for the
4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm: **Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22**)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 761 699 8487 Passcode: 945243

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Review/Approval of July 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Update: Highway Department Clean Energy Communities Grant upgrades
3. Update: Climate Smart Resiliency/Vulnerability Planning Initiative with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County staff, Town of Clinton CSC Task Force (Joe Phelan), and Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (Barbara Mansell)
 - Meeting with participating Town officials and interested community members
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) initiative (Jim Metcalfe)
4. Update: Government Organization Climate Action Plan (GOCAP) draft, including input from meeting with HVRC's Brandon Toye (Richard Marshall)
5. Updated draft letter to Dutchess County re: County Incinerator (See attachment)
6. Clinton Environmental Public Outreach Compendium (Jean McAvoy)
7. Interest in Regional Resilience Grants? (See attachment)
8. Natural Resources Inventory Workshop (registration requested – Sept 23, 2026, 5:30-7:30, at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Rte 44, Millbrook, NY))
9. Additional CSC Task Force Interests/Projects
10. Old Business - New Business
11. Adjournment

TOWN OF CLINTON CSC TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES – JULY 28, 2026

The July 28, 2026 meeting of the Town of Clinton Climate Smart Communities Task Force was called to order at 7:01 pm. Committee members in attendance were as follows:

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force Chair
Stan Orser CSC Task Force Member (via Zoom)
Richard Marshall, CSC Task Force Member
Jim Metcalfe, CSC Task Force Members

Introduction

Joe Phelan introduced the evening's agenda. He then asked members if there were any questions, additions, and/or changes to the draft minutes of the previous meeting of June 23, 2026. With no changes suggested or objections raised, the minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting were accepted by the acclamation of the Task Force members in attendance.

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Grant Funding Update

Joe provided an update on the Highway Garage grant process, announcing that NYSERDA had approved the first payment of 1/3 of the balance of the \$10,000 grant funds following payment for the required Highway Garage Energy Audit in Fall 2025. However, the Building Airflow Reduction work at the Highway Garage now should be able to be scheduled in coordination with the Highway Department and Mark Long, Town engineer. As soon as the Building Airflow Reduction work has been completed, and for which Mark will be asked to provide confirmation, we'll need to submit the necessary documentation to NYSERDA, at which time NYSERDA will forward us a check for the balance of funds from the \$10,000 Clean Energy Communities grant

In order to begin work under the \$50,000 NYSERDA CEC grant, we are awaiting confirmation from our Highway Department regarding the choice of LED lighting fixtures, which must be Energy Star rated fixtures, per the requirement of the required Energy Audit conducted in Fall 2025. Brandon Toye, from Hudson Valley Regional Council, has done some research and provided information that could be helpful in sourcing the appropriate Energy Star LED fixtures.

Once we have the documentation and choice of fixtures identified Todd Martin, with assistance from Brandon Toye of Hudson Valley Regional Council, the Town can submit the required documents to NYSERDA for their review and approval, at which point NYSERDA will forward the Town 1/3 of the \$50,000 grant funds, after which the Town can schedule and complete that work, provide documentation of satisfactory completion, and submit a request for the remaining 2/3 of the \$50,000 grant for energy-efficient windows, insulated garage doors, and LED lighting.

The team also briefly discussed a potential new regional \$4 million grant opportunity from The Understory's Hudson Estuary Resilience Initiative, though timing would be challenging given the comprehensive plan process currently underway in the Town. However, some interest has been expressed to the CAC from the Town of Clinton Library, which has yet to be discussed in any detail by the CSC Task Force or the CAC.