

GREEN Committee Members Present: Diane Betzwieser, Marc Laymon, Joanne Coons, Cathy Fruhauf, Nancy Tudor, Raquel Parks, Gurinder Garcha, Diana Leis Delker, Anne Orgren

Council Members: Anthony Morelli,

Guests: Rachel Oliver, James Harding

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at 7:05

1. Climate Smart Community Bronze Certification

a. The official announcement and plaque will be announced during the week of Earth Day, around April 22nd, to the town along with other communities being announced. Please do not mention this until after that date. NYSDEC and the Town will be putting out a press release on that date. They are looking for pictures that relate to the points that go to the certification. NYSDEC is looking for pictures on composting, repair cafe, tree planting and all the recycling done at the transfer station. Also, if anyone has other pictures to support the certification please send them to Nancy Tudor.

2. April 22nd Backyard Composting Class - Cornell Cooperative Ext at CPHM Library at 6:30 pm

a. Nancy Tudor set this up and is the lead person. Since the Green Committee is the lead organization it cannot go on the Library website since it is not Library sponsored. Norah can get it on Facebook, Amanda Ford made a flyer for it and Nancy asked Megan to make copies at the town. It is free and anyone can go. Nancy will email everyone on the Green Committee to spread it around.

3. April 26th Tabled Earth Day until Joanne arrived.

4. April 5th and 12th Town Bulk Waste weekend

a. Make sure people know the bulk waste can only be dropped off at Clifton Park Transfer Station, Veterans Park, or Clifton Commons. Maybe put a flyer out ahead of time advertising Giveaway Weekend (May 5th) so the good items could be put out at that time to be reused rather than as bulk waste.

5. April 26th Shredding Day

a. Time if from 10-12 next to DMV at the Clifton Park Center. Volunteers are needed. Let the town know if you can help.

6. May 3rd-5th Clifton Park Giveaway Weekend

a. We should advertise and make sure they don't confuse it with Bulk Waste and think someone will pick up all the things not taken. It is up to the homeowner to take back whatever does not get picked up to be reused.

7. May 4th Bike Day - National Ride a Bike Day, Clifton Park Halfmoon Library is the lead on this.

a. Joanne will be doing a bike ride that day to show some of the trails.

9. April 25th Health and Science Night

a. Anne Orgren is the lead for advertising Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations at Collins Park the next day, April 26th. She is going to have a table with a variety of things related to the events the next day.

10. 1st weekend in May Solar Farm Tour

a. Joanne is setting up the tour on Hubbs Road near Lake Side Cider Mill. She will let us know the exact date and time.

11. Composting at Transfer Station

a. Mark said the Transfer Station is expanding the composting units. It was asked when we can get compost. Currently it is frozen but soon after it thaws.

12. Habitat for Humanity

a. Joanne mentioned the idea at Giveaway Weekend and Bulk Waste. They could open the trailer for good items. Also, I'm not sure if it is being used to its potential.

13. Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

a. Tabled from earlier when Joanne was not there. Joanne suggested a separate meeting at her house on a Saturday to organize all the events. She passed around a list of all the things she still needs, some of them are tissue paper, beads, markers, oatmeal cans for drums, glass jars for terrariums and cloth for bandanas to write earth day on them. 15 tables and tents will also probably be needed. It was suggested to have baked goods, Amanda Ford's group said they would make some things to give away. However, Anthony said he would have to check with the town because of food safety issues. It might be that we can get a food truck. The Health and Science Night usually has at least 4. Joanne can check with Jean Lorch at HS

East who is organizing the night to see who they get. Stewarts is supplying ice cream, Anthony said to make sure you serve it with plastic food grade gloves.

b. Anne will be giving out plaques for Trees of distinction and she is looking for plastic bags for trees they are giving away. Cathy said she had a large number she would donate.

14. Repair Cafe 3/15/25 feedback

a. 41 items brought in on 25 1/2 were repaired, 8 1/2 not fixable and 7 needed parts. There were 11 coaches from a variety of areas. Attendees came from a wide range of places. They were asked to fill out a survey of where they heard about it, some said FB, Clifton Park website, Next Door website, church bulletin, marquis outside the commons and Library. The feedback was very good for the people that came to have their things repaired.

b. May 17th will be the next RC at the Senior Center since it has already been advertised there in the Clifton Park Parks and Recreation booklet for Spring and Summer. Cathy and the team will organize.

c. We will have another one in November; so, one is in the Fall and the other Spring. We have not set a date or place. Joanne would like to see it at the Clifton Park Center Mall again since it is trying to be the main hub of activity for the town.

15. Treasurer report

a. Cathy suggested we have a treasurer's report each month so we can see where the money is going and how much we have left. It was agreed it would be a good idea and Cathy said she could do it.

16. Names attached to events or ideas that are brought up at the meetings

a. Cathy suggested we put names next to each event or idea so if a person does not attend the meeting, they will know who to contact to find out more information. Also, a way of contacting them either by email or phone.

17. Climate Smart Plaque could be displayed on Earth Day/ Arbor Day

a. We could have the Plaque and an explanation of what it means to the community and what had to be done to get it.

Adjourned 8:08

GREEN Committee Ongoing	Annual Events	2025 Dates
Education event - Home Compost Training		April-May 2025

Clothing Swap	On-hold
Repair Café	March 15 th , May 17 th Nov. 2025
Winterfest	February 1, 2025
Backyard Composting Class – Cornell Cooperative Ext.	April 22 nd
Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration	April 26, 2025
Science night	April 25, 2025
Town Weekend Giveaway Event	May 2-4, 2025
Pumpkin Smashing	November 9, 2025

Solar Tour- Hubbs Rd, first week of May