

GREEN Committee of Clifton Park

Minutes from April 28, 2025

GREEN Committee Members Present: Nancy Tudor, Diane Betzwieser, Mark Laymon, Diana Leis Delker, Catherine Fruhauf, Anne Orgren, Tom Piwinski, Joanne Coons, Jim Harding, Jerry Danielski

Visitor: Iris Heffernan

Town Board Member: Zabed Manir

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at 7pm. Goals

1. On May 5th, Anthony Morelli, at the Town Board Meeting, will be recognizing the GREEN Committee and the CSC Bronze Certification. Nancy Tudor will be contacting Norah and Anthony concerning a press release. Nancy expects the signs to be here by then. Nancy cannot attend but she will write something up explaining the certificate and what it means for the town.
2. April 22nd Backyard Composting Class at Clifton Park Halfmoon Library was attended by about 22 people. A small composter was raffled off. In 2024, at the Town Transfer Station, a pilot compost program was started with a limit of 40 families. The people were trained by Nancy Tudor and Joanne Coons and given the combination to the receptacle for the scraps. Nancy Tudor will talk to Dan Clemens of the Transfer Station about expanding the program and number of families that can take part in it.
3. Earth Day Celebration April 26th was well attended. There were a number of activities that the students and adults enjoyed participating in. The rain in the morning might have prevented more people from coming. It was suggested that next year we make it part of the Science and Health Activity Night at Shenendehowa High School East. We could set up inside a number of tables and have a much larger attendance of participants.
4. No one reported how well the Bulk Waste Weekend went.
5. May 2nd - 4th is Clifton Park Give Away Weekend. This is the 3rd year we have had this. It was put on the town face book page, town website and Amanda Ford's group. Next year have it before the Town Waste day so some of the items that were brought in for that could instead be recycled.
6. May 4th Bike Day at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library from 1-3. There will be bike repair. The Library is organizing. Nancy Tudor will be having a table with the Green Committee activities listed and other information.
7. Health and Science Night was a big success. Joanne Coons said a number of students made Earth Day Crowns and thumb prints for the tree.
8. Solar Farm Tour on May 1st off Hubbs Road between Schaubert Road and Vittorio Trail. We meet at 6:30. Waivers must be signed ahead of time for liability purposes. An explanation of how the farm is sited and what some of

the regulations are by Joanne Coons. Also, how can you sign up for one, what the availability is, and the waiting time.

9. Repair Cafe from 10-2 on May 17th at Clifton Park Senior Center. There will be people for bike repair, old clocks, jewelry, woodworking, textiles, computer, and other repairs. There is a sign up for cookies and food. Next repair cafe set for November; may change this to October.
10. Parks and Recreation Winter Catalog updates are due to Megan Babendreier by June 2 for September 1st – February 28th, 2026. Nancy Tudor will look into dates.

Meeting adjourned 7:50.

| GREEN Committee Ongoing | Annual Events | 2025 Dates |
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| Clothing Swap | | On-hold |
| Repair Café | | March 15 th , May 17 th Nov. 2025 |
| Winterfest | | February 1, 2025 |
| Backyard Composting Class – CCE | | April 22, 2025 |
| Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration | | April 26, 2025 |
| Science night | | April 25, 2025 |
| Town Weekend Giveaway Event | | May 2-4, 2025 |
| Solar Farm Tour | | May 1, 2025 |
| Pumpkin Smashing | | November 9, 2025 |

Next meeting date: TBD