

# GREEN Committee of Clifton Park

Minutes from August 25, 2025

GREEN Committee Members Present: Gerald Danielski, Diane Betzwieser, Marc Laymon, Joanne Coons, Cathy Fruhauf, Nancy Tudor, Gurinder Garcha, Tom Piwinski  
Board Member: Anthony Morelli

Guests: Rachel Stevens

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at 7:03; Introductions were made.

1. Book lists (Kelsey) were tabled since Kelsey was not present.
  - a) A number of people have emailed her lists of books.
  - b) Cathy Fruhauf brought in a few books which Joanne Coons copied and will send to Kelsey.
2. Repair Cafe: Cathy updated us
  - a) Cathy sent out an email on August 25 to all of the coaches (people who teach people how to repair the items). Some have already replied.
  - b) Previously, it was suggested that we secure a closet to keep the Repair Café equipment and supplies that have been accumulated. Also, if people had items that could help the coaches it would be a place to drop things off. It was suggested that the closet downstairs at town hall where we have met previously. Cathy said she would like to keep the materials with her so she can inventory the materials. It would help her see what we would need to replace what had been used.
  - c) Anthony Morelli said he had talked to Dan Clemens, but Dan needed to know how much room we needed. Joanne said a small closet would do. Nancy will follow up with Dan and cc Anthony.
3. CEC Town Hall Audit-Anthony Morelli - John Scavo is working with MH Professional Engineering PLLC for a new HVAC system. They are evaluating options. Currently working on the plumbing.
4. Climate Smart Community Bronze Certification Grants -
  - a) Nancy Tudor has put together a subcommittee (GREEN members, Town employees, Council members) to discuss CSC grants for 2026. The first meeting will be on October 10, 2025. (meeting is for subcommittee only.)
  3. Some grant suggestions were food scraps composting expansion and Reuse Repair grant from DEC.
5. General Meeting of Environmental Town Committee Groups.
  - a) Diana Leis Delker is working with Jennifer Viggiani, to set up a meeting with the Town's four Environmental Group Chairs.
  - b) Joanne Coons suggested it to send to the other town committees our minutes and ask them to send their minutes to us. Nancy Tudor said she would do it.

6. Other topics for Projects in Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

- a) Joanne Coons had materials from a meeting she went to on heat pumps. She would like to do a presentation; it was suggested the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Library upstairs room. She might see if the Library would like to collaborate with her since they are going for their Sustainability Certification. She can get more details from NYSERDA and pamphlets. It was suggested she set it up for October.
- b) It was suggested that we have the Town Giveaway weekend before the town bulk waste pick up. That way if people could not give away their items, they could put them out for bulk waste. Anthony Morelli said he would try to coordinate with the town. The problem is the main bulk waste site is at the Commons, and they cannot do it once Soccer season starts since the parking lots are used. Anthony Morelli said he would see what he could arrange.
- c) Joanne Coons suggested that the transfer station Habitat for Humanity trailer run by the Habitat for Humanity group out of Albany could be more utilized for items. The procedure in the past has differed and is not clear. In the past it was that you took a picture of the item, then send it to Habitat for Humanity, and they will send back a letter you could present to the transfer station personnel. They would take the pad lock off the trailer and you could put the items in. Some people have shown up with items and the town personnel checked them over and if they determine it is acceptable they will open the trailer. Joanne said she would look into it more and let us know if we could have a clear and more accommodating procedure.
- d) Lawn Care and pesticides presentation. Joanne Coons suggested we have a presentation in February on Lawn Care before people sign contracts for their lawn care. It was also suggested that we table at the Winterfest and Science and Health Discovery night. We will discuss this at a meeting closer to the time needed. Tom Piwinski said there were two people at Cooperative Extension that are very active in this area. They are Maddison Blodgett and Jessica Luse. He said he would get us more information and a way to get on their email list. Cathy Fruhauf said that Kristopher Williams was good on invasive species talks. The newsletters will be able for us to find out about his schedule of talks.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Update</b>
Book List email	Kelsey	
Set up meeting with other environmental group chairs	Diana	
Submit 2026 Budget	Nancy	
Schedule Electrification Presentation	Joanne	
Get closet space for Repair Café Equipment	Nancy	

Schedule Lawn care presentation at Winterfest and other location; reach out to CCE	Joanne	
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Brainstorm ideas and projects for Fall, Winter, and Spring. (Nancy)

<b>GREEN Committee Ongoing Events</b>	<b>2025 – 2026 Dates</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Repair Café	October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Winterfest – Lawn Care/Tabling	February 7, 2026	
Lawn Care	April 2026	
Science night / Earth Day Celebration	April 24, 2026	
Town Weekend Giveaway Event	TBD 2026, prior to annual Bulk Waste Drop-off	--
Pumpkin Smashing	November 8-9, 2025	--