

GREEN Committee Members Present: Gerald Danielski, Diane Betzwieser, Marc Laymon, Joanne Coons, Cathy Fruhauf, Tom Piwinski
Guests: James Harding, Rachel Stevens

Joanne Coons called the meeting to order at 7:10

1. Environmental book list: Kelsey was not present, so this was tabled.
2. Repair Cafe - October 18 from 10-2 at Clifton Park Senior Community Center
 - a. Repairers and other helpers usually come in between 9:30 and 10 to set up.
 - b. Cathy has lined up textiles, electrical, computers, general repair, Joanne said she could do jewelry, sharpening and woodwork. She is still waiting to hear back from other repairers for things like woodwork and bikes
 - c. Cathy will be contacting individuals to bring food and coffee.
 - d. Cathy has a list of procedures she would like anyone to follow who is signing in to people who would like their items repaired, including time in and out and signature of the repair person. She has persons who would like things repaired, a form to be filled out and on the back a short questionnaire including how they found out about the repair. Any students should bring to the repair cafe a permission slip filled out by their parents.
 - e. Diane will send the form to Joanne to distribute to any students who would like to help.
3. Subcommittee meeting for the Climate Smart Bronze Certification Grants - It will be on Friday, October 10th at 11 am at Town Hall. Below is information on the grant program, what grants were awarded in 2024, and a fact sheet. Please review these before the meeting. [Grants For Climate Action - NYSDEC:2024 CSCG Awards:Climate Smart Communities Grants Fact Sheet](#). The purpose of the meeting is to review grant suggestions for 2026.
4. There will be a general meeting of the heads of all the environmental groups in Clifton Park. Jennifer Viggiani scheduled the meeting for Thursday, November 13th at 10 am at town hall. The goal is to communicate different ideas and projects under 1 umbrella group.
5. There will be a presentation and discussion on Tuesday, November 18th at Clifton Park, Halfmoon Library at 7 pm. There will be 2 contractors, 2 homeowners and possibly a representative of NYSERDA will be there. The presentation is on Electrification of homes (heat pumps). There will be time for a panel discussion so that the audience can ask questions.
6. Joanne Coons has talked to a member of Cooperative Extension about doing a presentation on pesticides. She is planning to do one in February on lawn care hopefully before people sign up for lawn care. Also, she will discuss pesticides and lawn care at Winterfest and Science and Health Discovery night.
7. Other topics: Joanne Coons will be going to the salt summit at Lake George with Dahn Bull from the highway department to find out information on putting salt on our roadways and its effects.

8. Diane Betzwieser informed the group that when she walked with Jennifer Viggiani on the Kinns Road Stewardship hike that someone had put a plaque on a rock celebration for a person's birthday. Some persons on the walk felt it was inappropriate since it detracted from the purpose of the park for environmental enjoyment. Joanne suggested some other activities on Ferry Road (Vischer Ferry Trail) that were counter to the environmental purpose of the walkways.

9. Rachel Stevens emailed Joanne the website to sign up to urge the members to Reject Concrete Batch Plant Proposal. Joanne said it was near a stream and would affect the fish and other animals that use the stream. One website you can look at is https://www.change.org/p/protect-clean-air-and-water-urge-clifton-park-to-reject-concrete-batch-plant-proposal?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=mobileNativeShare&utm_campaign=share_petition&recruited_by_id=3694101f-8c46-4928-93e3-f8c674afd68b&recruiter=72590825 or <https://chnq.it/xzxyzSYRJRW?sfnsn=mo>

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm

Action Items	Owner	Update
Book List email	Kelsey	
Set up meeting with other environmental group chairs	Diana	Set for November 2025
Submit 2026 Budget	Nancy	Budget was submitted on 9/15/25
Schedule Electrification Presentation	Joanne	Nov. 18 7pm library
Get closet space for Repair Café Equipment	Nancy	No update
Schedule Lawn care presentation at Winterfest and other location; reach out to CCE	Joanne	
Get more information on Habitat for Humanity Process	Nancy	Called David at HfH; will follow up with Dan Clemens in October

GREEN Committee Ongoing Events	2025 – 2026 Dates
Repair Café	October 18 th , 2025; tbd
Electrification of Homes	November 18, 2025, 7 pm Clifton Park Halfmoon Library
Winterfest – new ideas?	February 7, 2026
Lawn Care	April 2026

Earth Day Celebration / Science night	April 24, 2026
Town Weekend Giveaway Event	TBD 2026, prior to annual Bulk Waste Drop-off
Pumpkin Smashing	November 8-9, 2025

Tabled for Later Date

- Habitat for Humanity
- Closet for Repair Café equipment
- Attend the CP Planning Board meeting periodically.

Nancy Tudor