

## GREEN Committee of Clifton Park

Minutes from February 24, 2025

GREEN Committee Members Present: Gerald Danielski, Diane Betzwieser, Marc Laymon, Joanne Coons, Cathy Fruhauf, Nancy Tudor, Raquel Parks  
Guests: Kelsey Sousa, Rachel Oliver, James Harding

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at 7:05

Introductions were made.

### 1. Repair Cafe

a. Scheduled Repair Cafe at Clifton Park Center - Saturday, March 15th. Advertisements went out on the town web page, Facebook and on the electronic sign outside. Nancy asked Amanda Ford to send it out to her group as well as others. Fliers were handed out along with Earth Day fliers. Members signed up on list Nancy had as to where they would be putting them. They also added other possible locations that they would put the fliers at. A sign up for volunteers with times was also sent around. A third sign up for baked goods was sent around.

b. Scheduled May 17th at the Senior Center (Adv. in Park and Rec Booklet.

c. Further discussion was tabled until Cathy Fruhauf arrived.

2. Discuss Advertising to improve attendance, webpages, FB Event, paper flyers, spreadsheet.

a. Discuss with Amanda Ford about flyers.

3. April 22nd - Backyard Composting Class -Cornell Cooperative Extension at Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

a. Nancy said that the Library is sponsoring this with the GREEN Committee and will have more information closer to the time.

4. April 26th Earth Day Celebration - organization and planning.

a. Signs - have many campaign signs that stick in the ground, and I am going to paint them white so we can reuse them. I envision painting arrows on them to help people find parking for Earth Day, and as you walk into the Earth Day event, I hope to post factoids so people can think about their actions.

b. There will be 10-12 stations and people will be able to sign up at our March meeting.

c. Joanne arranged for overflow parking at the Community Church across the street as well as security for people to cross to Collins Park. Kelsey has donated buckets to be used for compost and decorated at the event. If you have some more buckets, please bring them to the event. Joanne has simple hats for children to make and color for Earth Day. She will have several types of crayons etc. to decorate them. She has cut outs from previous advertising signs left over from Winterfest to make bird houses. She will need people to help the attendees to put them together. She needs 75 to 100 pint or quart glass jars to put terrariums in with dirt, moss, and plants. She will need organic potting soil which she might have to purchase. If you have moss let her know. She needs paper tubes or maybe buy some tubes for rain makers. Decorate the outside with paper and beans to put into rattle. She could use gift wrapping paper to help decorate them. Take small round wooded circles and put string or yarn in them and have students decorate them as a necklace. Make talking sticks with a piece of a branch, feathers, beads, and yarn. She could use beads, feathers, or yarn if you have it. They are used in groups when only one person can speak at a time, the one who has the talking stick. Decorate paper bags, she might have to purchase one with no advertising to put what children make in them. Take ribbons and have students write wishes on them and put them on a tree in the park, a wishing tree. Make a bookcase and fill it with books from the library for free. Have a template with an outline of a tree and let the students dip their fingers in paint and put them on the tree as leaves or could use markers. Another idea is to paint rocks. She saw a drumming circle and had some coffee cans or other cans to make drums. If the attendees want to sit on the grass, they could make sit-upons with newspaper by weaving strips together. If anyone has more ideas, please let her know. She will be working with Diana Leis Delker, head of the tree committee, to set up an agenda as to times and events. We will need a number of volunteers to help at each station. Joanne will research having food there. We cannot sell it, but we have a budget and give it away or bring in a food truck, preferably electric.

5. May 4th, Bike Day - National Ride a Bike Day, collaborate with the CPHM library

a. Joanne made a map of the bike trails in Clifton Park. It is large and is looking for ways to reduce it.

6. Monthly newsletter and establish a primary email list.
  - a. Joanne said she would work on it. Her idea was to put a listing of all the upcoming events and fliers if we have them. She could work with Amanda Ford on this.
  
7. Re-use: Transfer Station contracts with Apparel Impact.
  - a. Clifton Park TS recycled 10 tons of clothing/textile. Eighty percent of the material stays out of the land fill.
  
8. Health and Science Night
  - a. Anne Orgren expressed an interest in setting up an informational table to advertise Arbor Day/ Earth Day activities the next day after the night. Diane Betzwieser will contact her as soon as she hears how to sign up. Diana Leis Delker has a trifold she can use.
  
9. Solar Farm Tour - not discussed
  
10. Tree Nursery trip was attended by 5 adults and 4 students. The governor wants to have from January 2024 through 2033 to have 25 million trees planted and recorded. It was very interesting but cold and icy. They showed how they take pinecones and take seeds out as well as where they bundle them. The tree nursery is looking for people for a job for about 5 weeks and 15 hours per week.
  
11. Repair Cafe revisited.
  - a. Cathy Fruhauf said she would find out when and where we will set up at the Clifton Park Center and let the volunteers and fixers know. She could use some more textile people. She will be sending out more information in the coming weeks.

Adjourned at 8:05

<b>GREEN Committee Ongoing</b>	<b>Annual Events</b>	<b>2025 Dates</b>
Education event - Home Compost Training		April-May 2025
Clothing Swap		Spring
Repair Café		March 15 <sup>th</sup> , May 17, 2025; Nov. 2025
Winterfest		February 1, 2025
Backyard Composting Class – Cornell Cooperative Ext.		April 22 <sup>nd</sup>

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