

GREEN Committee of Clifton Park

Minutes – January 26, 2026

Members Present: Nancy Tudor, Diane Betzwieser, Marc Laymon, Joanne Coons, Diana Leis Delker, James Harding, Cathy Fruhauf, Tom Piwinski

Town Board Liaison: Zabed Manir

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at **7:00 PM**.

- 1) Winterfest 2026 (February 7, 2026) – GREEN Committee assisted at Robinson Ace Hardware. Joanne made birdhouses, other members helped with the pinecone, peanut butter and bird seed, bird feeders. Nancy talked about composting at the Transfer Station. Zabed said he posted pictures on Facebook and received positive email feedback.
- 2) Repair Cafe –
 - a. March 7, 2026. Cathy said she was all set with repair coaches for jewelry, blade sharpening, computer hardware problems, electrical, mechanical, woodworking, and finally 5 ladies for sewing and textiles. She is looking for some people to help do set up on Friday at 7 PM at the Clifton Park Senior Center. She is also looking for people to bake and check in people. Contact her if you are interested.
 - b. May 9th Planning Cathy is looking into getting coaches for that date.
- 3) Giveaway Weekend 2026 – No date yet from the Town on Bulk Waste Dropoff. This will be our 4th Giveaway Weekend. The Town Giveaway date has not been set. Giveaway weekend will be set prior to the bulk waste cleanup. Nancy is working with Amanda Ford to make an online map of Clifton Park that people could log into and put their big items on. Then people who are looking for certain items can go to that address to look at them.
- 4) CSC Climate Action Plan –The inventory and CAP template would be developed for the town by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC). At the next meeting, a plan will be finalized. David Miller said that trails inventory would be done this year. Jennifer Viggiani suggested make a plan and then looking for grants to implement it. A resolution would have to be made to the plan. Zabed asked Nancy for a list of the members, she said she would get them to him. Agatha Reid said she would chair the group.
- 5) Solar Energy presentation at the library on Wednesday, April 22 at 2:00 PM at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library. Joanne said she would be discussing: How Solar Energy Works, How to install it, and How it helps the grid.
- 6) Battery Recycling Inquiry - Transfer Station is now recycling single-use batteries (AA, AAA, etc.). (Joanne) Next to the car battery recycling and propane tanks is a red bucket for single use batteries. You can also recycle them at Staples.
- 7) Science Night Tables - Diane Betzwieser will coordinate with Jean Lorch to obtain 5 tables for Science Night at Shenendehowa for both the GREEN and Tree Committees. Joanne and Diana will be coordinating the tables.

- 8) Energy Information Ideas - Tom Piwinski suggested getting information out to explore cost savings during peak grid demand times. At the next meeting he will make further suggestions.
- 9) Arbor Day Celebration by the Tree committee (Diana Leis Delker) will be on April 25th at Veterans Park from 10-1. You can go on the Clifton Park website to pre-order seedlings.
- 10) Testing for Nitrates and Sodium - Joanne is testing streams for Nitrates and Sodium. She tested the Dwaas Kill in coordination with Cornell Cooperative Extension Soil and Water data logging. Building and Grounds do not use salt on the bike paths. 1tsp salt can contaminate 5 gallons of water. It is harmful to animals and plants. If anyone would like to help let Joanne know.
- 11) Envirothon Competition - Joanne will be working with about 5 students from the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library to prepare them for the Envirothon competition in Saratoga Springs. They will be representing the Clifton Park Green and Tree committees.
- 12) Craft Give and Take - Diane passed out flyers for Crafters Supplies Give and Take 2026 at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library. On April 16 and 17 you bring in your unwanted crafts such as yarn, cloth etc. and April 18 and 19 you can browse what was brought in and give a donation as to what you think it would be worth to you.
- 13) Next Meeting March 23
- 14) Adjourned at 8:10

2026 Planned Community Events and Education

GREEN Committee Events	2026 Dates
Lawn Care	January 6, 2026
Winterfest	February 7, 2026
Repair Café	March 7, 2026, at Clifton Park Senior Center
Crafters Supplies Give and Take	April 16-19 at Library
Solar Energy presentation at the library	April 22 at 2:00 at Library
Earth Day Celebration / Science night	April 24, 2026, at Shenendehowa HS East
Arbor Day Celebration	April 25 from 10-1 at Veterans Park
Town Weekend Giveaway Event	TBD 2026, prior to annual Bulk Waste Drop-off
Repair Café	May 9, 2026
Repair Café	October 2026
Pumpkin Smashing	November 7-8, 2026