

## GREEN Committee of Clifton Park Minutes – March 23, 2026

**Members Present:** Nancy Tudor, Diane Betzwieser, Joanne Coons, Diana Leis Delker, Anne Orgren, Jerry Danielski, Tom Piwinski

**Town Board Liaison:** Nancy Bellamy

**Visitors:** Frank Berlin, Danne Parker

Nancy Tudor called the meeting to order at **7:05 PM**.

1. Giveaway Weekend 2026 - Our 4th Giveaway Weekend will be Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 19th. Town Bulk Waste Dropoff is scheduled for the weekends of 4/25 and 5/2. See attached flyer. The flyer has a QR code for participants to add their items on a map. Also, there is a QR code to find out where to donate the leftover items. This is the same weekend as the Craft Give and Take at the Library and Diane will coordinate with them to advertise it at their event. Nancy will coordinate places where it will be displayed, including the electronic billboard in the Commons. The Mapping tool allows people to contact a person if they post that they have an item to give away, then they could contact that person and they could pick it up.
2. Solar Energy Presentation at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library on Wednesday April 22 at 2 pm by Joanne Coons. The presentation will be on all types of solar from installation to getting on the grid. This will be for homeowners that might like to install panels at their residence for their own electricity connecting to the grid, off grid for things like swimming pools. There are programs with incentives currently that will encourage people to use solar. She will also talk about community solar.
3. Arbor Day Celebration by the Tree Committee: Diana Leis Delker explained it will be under the pavilion at Veterans Park. Directions are gone into entrance toward Elks club, take first left and pavilion on right. Diane suggested opening bathrooms at baseball area just beyond the pavilion for the day. It will be from 10-1. Joanne had a number of activities that they could give out that day. You can pre-order seedlings by going on the Clifton Park website. Diane suggested they could bring the Transfer Station trifold from the Science Activity Night the night before to advertise recycling in the town.
4. CSC Climate Action Plan: The CSCTF met on 3/17/2026 and decided they will focus on the GHG (Greenhouse Gas) Inventory/CAP for the town Government. Next step is to work on a Town Board Resolution for the town to work with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (POC: Josh Dranoff). Jennifer Viggiani from the town is working on a town board resolution for doing a Green House Gas Inventory. Nancy will keep us posted on this topic.
5. Science Night. 5 tables have been reserved. Joanne has a number of handouts that can be given out about various environmental projects. She will be bringing a bucket to explain about composting and where you can get the buckets. Diane made a poster of the recycling at the Clifton Park Transfer Station that will be on display. She will also have a number of projects the attendees can do while at the table. It is April 24th at Shenendehowa High School East, Clifton Park from 6-8:30. Save the date flyer attached.
6. Envirothon Competition- Joanne is trying to find about 5 students who would be willing to compete in the competition. She is going to the Shenendehowa Environmental Meeting (SEED) to see if she can get some students. Nancy Bellamy said she was a judge at the local, state, and national level. She said it was a valuable experience for the students and her.
7. Craft Give and Take: Friends of the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library have organized a Crafters Supplies Give and Take at the Library. On April 16 and 17 you can bring in unwanted crafts such as yarn and cloth, etc. On April 18th and 19th, you can browse what was brought in and

give a donation as to what you think would be worth it to you. Diane will coordinate with them concerning the Giveaway Weekend.

8. Repair Cafe: Diane talked about the data collected and brought spreadsheets on what data was collected at the March 7<sup>th</sup> RC. Nancy Bellamy was extremely impressed by the data and asked if she could share it. Goal for next time is to get out flyers to more places.

Here is where they heard about the repair cafe:

<b>Advertising/ How did you hear about the RC event</b>	
Clifton Park Face Book 5 Clifton Park Website 3 Senior Center Newsletter 9 Parks and Recreation Booklet 2 Town Flyer Town Sign (outside) 3 Schenectady Gazette 3 On the Green Committee 3 Word of Mouth 3	Town Mailing/Calendar Repair Cafe Clifton Park Web Page 4 Years ago, news Facebook Repair Cafe Hudson Valley Website Library Cafe volunteer told me about event
<b>49 people attended the RC from the following locations:</b>	
23 Clifton Park 3 Malta 1 Rexford 1 Schenectady 3 Halfmoon 1 Ballston Lake 2 Mechanicville 1 Greenville 1 Latham 1 Albany	1 Clifton Park/Halfmoon 2 Niskayuna 2 Troy 1 Providence 1 Wynantskill 3 Glenville 1 Ballston Spa 1 Colonie
<b><u>Approximately 65 items brought in for repairs</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 47 items fixed</li> <li>- 7 items advice received</li> <li>- 8 items not fixed</li> <li>- 2 info only</li> <li>- 1 in progress will be completed by coach later</li> </ul>	

9. The next RC is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Center room is reserved. May is a better month for the RC before summer starts. It is a good month for blade sharpening and bike repairs. Diane will work with Cathy on planning this event. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row of having the Repair Cafe in May.
10. Balloon Recycling Container - Joanne has arranged with the town to put a container for used balloons so they can be recycled in the foyer of town hall.
11. Energy Subcommittee: Tom Piwinski suggested getting information out to explore cost savings during peak grid demand times. He would like to see the data from the solar panels at the Transfer station, evidently the town was getting credit but not sure what the town was doing with it. Joanne said that she would send some information out to the Green Committee board on that installation. She said the company is no longer in operation. They had promised a kiosk with information about the production of energy, but they never built it. Also, Tom would like to have the Clifton Park Town Board clarify the moratorium on battery charging bill that was passed by the board. We will discuss these topics and others at the next meeting.

GREEN Committee Events	2026 Dates
Lawn Care	January 6, 2026
Winterfest	February 7, 2026
Repair Café	March 7, 2026
<b>Solar Energy presentation at the library</b>	<b>April 22 at 2:00</b>
Earth Day Celebration / Science night	April 24, 2026
Town Weekend Giveaway Event	4/17 – 4/19/26
Repair Café	May 9, 2026
Repair Café	October 2026
Pumpkin Smashing	November 7-8, 2026