Minutes of April 7, 2026 Climate Smart Committee
Committee members Present: Mary Frances Sabo, Victoria Roberts, Matt Mangoni, Adam Tobey, Eric Westfall,
Guests present: Josh Dranoff, CDRPC, Supervisor Bott

Ms. Sabo called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Ms. Sabo reviewed the history of the Climate Smart Committee in town. The committee reviewed the Climate Smart certification checklist and the progress on accomplishing the various activities to achieve certification. There has been a bit of a gap since work has been done and uploaded to the portal.

The committee reviewed actions that had been accomplished but not uploaded to the portal as well as some easy actions to take. Ms. Sabo said she would look into how to get credit for the uniform solar permit and the energy benchmarking study which were adopted by the town board in 2022 but not uploaded. The town should also get credit for the traffic calming item for the Route 4 traffic and pedestrian improvements project. Ms. Sabo will reach out to Creighton Manning, the engineers, for help with this.

Repair cafes were also discussed. These are events where people bring items that need repairing and either someone else repairs them or you are trained to repair them. The town can get credit by publicizing local repair cafes. There is currently one held at the First Reformed Church in Wynantskill and Parker School and Wood Hill Montessori schools. Matt will look into the one at the church and Eric will reach out to the schools.

Community solar was also discussed. Ms. Sabo offered to reach out to Kevin Bailey, a former town resident who owns a solar business on Main Avenue and is developing a large solar project in town.

In conclusion, each committee member offered to review the checklist to identify projects they were interested in working on.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Sabo

Town of North Greenbush
Climate Smart Committee
June 25, 2026

Attendance: Adam Tobey, Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo, Tori Roberts, Matt Mangoni,
CDRPC: Josh Dranoff

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

- Unified Solar Permit – we can use a template that Josh provides, the building dept can edit for North Greenbush's use.
- Energy Utility Data and benchmarking – Mary Frances is looking for data from the town comptroller re energy usage which Josh can then input to get an energy benchmark report
- Route 4 Transportation and Pedestrian Improvements – Mary Frances reached out to Creighton Manning for photos and project info to get credit for traffic calming
- EV Charger – plug share shows that the charger is being repaired but right now it can be used except it isn't charging for it. The Comptroller is tasked with fixing this.
- Trail – trail in Rensselear . Town signed an intermunicipal agreement to create a multiuse trail in the city of Rensselaer. Can get credit for intermunicipal cooperation.
- Boiler – outdated and needs replacement. If Josh has the specs then he can help look for grant . programs (i.e Clean Energy Communities, NYSERDA Clean Heat Program: reimbursement program).Mary Frances will get information from town manager.
- Lula Training (Hudson Valley Flood Resiliency Network Training) – in Hudson for three days, Eric Westfall, Mary Frances, and Dave Wilson completed the training
- Comprehensive Plan – Hudson Valley Greenway ($10,000 with some match) originally
    - NRI Template – CDRPC has this template
    - Climate Smart Communities
        - Planning – Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements ($200k, 50% match – 25% if disadvantaged community)
        - Implementation
    - Brian writes CFA Grants

  Question **can we also select to apply to the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program in the CFA?
- Tree Inventory - Adam is doing a LIDAR tree Inventory
- Energy Audit - Mary Frances is going to ask Bill about data from Siemens
- Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory - CDRPC can help with this (Jan/May deadlines)
- Yard Waste - Highway Dept has mulch available. Mary Frances will reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension to see if we can use the materials they prepared years ago.
- Repair Cafe - Matt is going to reach out to advertise First Reform Church
- Compost – Matt is looking to offer compost to his neighborhood and is willing to do some type of tabling at the food truck night. Possibility of including other education topics at the food truck night to get them all done in one go.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Town of North Greenbush
Climate Smart Committee
August 26, 2026

Attendance: Adam Tobey, Councilwoman Mary Frances Sabo, Tori Roberts, Matt Mangoni, Eric Westfall
CDRPC: Josh Dranoff
Guest: Emily Caboot

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. The minutes from the April and June meetings were accepted.

- Completed items: Mary Frances and Josh met at CDRPC and worked for several hours on preparing items to be uploaded which will count toward our certification. Mary Frances has uploaded the Uniform Solar Permit, Josh uploaded the EV charging station information and is working on the Traffic Calming item (route 4 transportation and pedestrian improvement project).
- Town fair-the committee will staff a booth at the town fair the weekend after labor day. Eric Westfall will be responsible for the set up-table, canopy, and chairs. He will also bring his storm water management handouts. Matt will bring a compost collection bin. Mary Frances will reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension to get the Climate Smart Fall cleanup display. She will reach out closer to the event regarding coverage.
- Understory Hudson Valley resilience grant-This grant was discussed. The sponsors are looking for projects involving culture, ecology, shelter or food and farming. A project incorporating the improvement of habitat and the creation of fishing access behind Hannaford was discussed.
- Josh discussed certification. Bronze certification by January is possible if the committee works to complete several items.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfull submitted

Mary Frances Sabo