



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Jan. 16, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 PM ZOOM MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Rich Stalzer, Kathleen Spahn, Chris Kennan, Kathy Chow, Matt Hartzog, Chris Virtuoso **Absent:** Steve Fahamie, Deborah Maier

Minutes from Dec. 19, 2024 were approved

Next steps

- Relaunch the Emergency Preparedness Committee: Josh Schultz, Chris K, Andrew, Matt, Kathleen. Chris K check on County updates
- Locate CSRP policies and procedures on the town site
- Matt / Chris: follow up with HVRT assoc. about a Rail Trail cleanup
- Chris / Andrew: confirm Turtle or Lilypad and charger speed / initiate NYSERDA's Make Ready with Liz Sun

Summary

LED streetlights were switched on Dec 19! Christine Bates had started the process 4 years ago. They're all 3000 degrees kelvin / dark skys compliant (lenses point down). 60 were changed from bought-out Central Hudson lights, 78 were upgraded. Now all 138 are centrally controlled for dimming / maintenance / monitoring. See the press release from Jan 18, 2025 The first electric bill was \$600, down from the usual \$2900. The savings come from electric usage plus elimination of the rental fees.

Millerton's Energy Study for the HW and Water Dept building was received from L&S. It recommended installing closers for the big doors to conserve heat as trucks come and go in winter. An estimate of 18K in fixits was recommended so the 15K grant can be maxed out. Solar inverter fixit is mentioned but still not in the CEC scope. Great news: A contract isn't needed because the assessment came in before the contract was written. The grant came "direct to check".

The original CSC reimbursement grant of \$29,605 has been paid!

Review of Policies and Procedures identified important gaps. Chow showed the findings summary. "Opportunities" emphasized emergency services, and education. Chris wants to reignite the Emergency Committee: Josh Schultz, Chris K, Andrew, Matt, Kathleen. He established end Feb as the deadline. He said the County is also making updates to the 2016 plan and this is good timing as there are new people at the Fire Department. Chris has the binder. He dismissed doing town text alerts because of needing cell phone numbers.

From Feb 16, 2023 meeting notes about Emergency Preparedness: Hastings Heat Emergency Plan is a good model. Loop in Village through Jenn (Matt, Dave, Lance, Delora), NECC / Grace Church / Evelyn Garzetta. Have Lorna update existing binder. Call Bill Beale (Dutchess County

Department of Emergency Response) and Webutuck, loop in American Legion and town staff as appropriate. Andrew: Outline a neighbor-to-neighbor system – with possible pilot sign up at Earth Day.

Landfill No news. Millerton News's Colleen wants to do a landfill article. Chris will talk to her. HRVC is the best bet to chase Central Hudson about capacity. Our next steps meeting with HRVC will be near the end of the 14 towns. Matt has asked Central Hudson about possible Indian Lake area grid upgrades for a resident with towers. No plans are in place.

Town Hall Mold remediation and inspection are done. It's ready for 3 separate RFPs for construction. The Town Hall Charger 10K grant from CEC was received! Make ready will assess infrastructure needed. Chris likes ChargePoint reliability and Andrew likes that replacement components mean easier repairs. We have a Turtle ChargePoint quote and one for Blink. Andrew got another quote from LilyPad which is less than Turtle. CP 6000 ChargePoint is the chosen model. Chris and Andrew will decide which of the 3 speeds to get noting that the transformer needs capacity. The Village charger is garden hose strength. We can get fire hose. The panel will be sized for the chosen model. Make ready will assess infrastructure needed when the initial building electrical plan is in place. Andrew said benchmarking now includes the Highway Garage and new town hall (though without occupancy).

Village the county will install sidewalks spring of 2025 or 2026. Century Blvd will also be redesigned. A public input meeting is set for Feb 1st.

Q1 Water bill included our tips for a cozy house in winter

Sewer Chris said TBD if the \$3M was approved by house as requested by NYS democrats.

Community CAP Heat Pump permits are in place but no installations yet. Matt said the GAP money for preparing for heat pumps has been signed. Kathleen was in touch with both Leslie Farhangi and Susan Bang. Leslie will be interested in the future but has to do repairs and prep work first. She gave her our info and contacts, so she'll have a starting place for the insulation stage. Susan Bang is installing a new system in a week or two and will be happy to give us confirming information when it's done.

Webutuck Community Partners Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21 Low hanging fruit is LED conversion for outdoor lighting. Millerton's LED streetlights are a good example. Chris will go and hopefully Robert Farrier will be there.

Earth Day 2025 The favored activity is a fun macho cleanup at the Rail Trail north of Rudd Pond. There's a farm dump on the west side (also north from Steed's.) with big stuff needing equipment. If we pull junk out to the edge of the trail the county Rail Trail guys will take it away. A flea market could be at Webutuck community day in May as Eddie Collins might be dormant this summer because of pool construction. July 2026 is Millerton's big birthday.

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NEW Regular meeting dates! Forth Wednesday of each month

Next Task Force Meeting: February 26, 2025 at 6 PM. ZOOM

Earth Day ideas 2025:

- Wilding, Isabella Tree's experiment rewilding open land using herbivores.
- Plastic People in partnership with the Library.
- Julie Hart, DLC, CLC, Rock Steady Moviehouse discussion bridging the gap between farmers and non-operating landowners.
- Tree Planting
- Flea Market at Webutuck Community Day in May
- Rail Trail Cleanup



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Feb. 26, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 PM ZOOM MEETING Notes

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Next steps

- Suggestions for new DPW efficiencies
- Relaunch Emergency preparedness
- Update the HVA Watershed plan
- Earth Day: Cleanups, Moviehouse, Library & Webutuck

Summary

Millerton fire. The cause is still undetermined, but foul play has been ruled out.

The water operator is VRI, Lagrangeville. The water department had (2) 10" well shafts in an unconsolidated aquifer through 50 feet of sand and gravel. Water is pumped to an elevated storage tank, chlorinated at the pumping location before going to residents. East Fishkill engineer that day helped the village make a temporary system, which has been reviewed and repeatedly tested by DEC., NY DEC, and BOH and approved. Well # 1 (doghouse) was being operated by a generator until power lines got fixed. Another transformer on an adjacent pole has a new electric line. They're working on a new monitoring system to know how much water is flowing to the water tank. All of this was done within 13h of the fire. The Village is in a state of emergency which allows them to move more quickly. The next goal is to bring well #2 (was encased within the garage) online and create a new chlorination station and storage center for the chemicals and the water system monitoring somewhere in the parking lot between well 1 and 2. Then the state of emergency would end. The inverters that went to the solar panels are completely fried so all will be replaced along with all the trucks and landscaping gear.

A new building will eventually be built to house the water and highway departments. The County had been wanting 100 feet between the highway garage and Well 2 to avoid oils and solvents involved with vehicles so will need to relocate the new garage to some other place - TBD. There is a brand new backhoe, which was planned before the fire. Unfortunately, the old junker was in the yard so no replacement insurance. They're looking into renting the old Town highway garage - now full of borrowed machinery: 2 old pickups to plow/salt the village from the county. Pine Plains loaned an old patrol car. Town equipment for plowing is ultimately too heavy for village streets (will break the asphalt and eventually squish the water pipes).

Electric police cars discussion: the old police administration, now changed, had rejected the idea. A charger would be needed. The police chief is currently looking into grants, and he has replacement value insurance. Matt will ask him if he's looking into EV patrol cars NYS grants. The cost of maintenance operation maintenance is a fraction of that of internal combustion engine cars. Liz Sun can help figure that out too.

EV charger: Millerton HAS a CEC grant of 15 K that can be used. The town is going to install one with their 10K (with make-ready freebie for infrastructure). A physical building is not needed as a charger would have its own meter. Pete needs a new truck to drive around (not heavy duty). Leasing vehicles for a couple of years while permanent infrastructure gets built is a possibility. The other use of the CEC money is to get electric landscaping equipment: chainsaws, weed whackers, blowers, robotic mower for Eddie Collins.

Solar: Jen said maybe move the whole business a little so that the building could be in a more flexible place. If so, Steve said it probably makes sense to replace the panels with new ones. Because the cost of the panels themselves is a very small fraction of the system cost. The inverters and other stuff are racked. It's a little additional cost, but it would be super compelling from a payback perspective - to offset the electricity for the water pumps. A perfect location could be over the well if a building has to be a hundred feet away from the well. There's also no contamination that comes off of them. And they could be on the roof of a building...It helps with shading, and it extends the roof life because you have less ultraviolet rays hitting it.

Suggestions: Matt said staff is sifting through years of insurance receipts but after a couple years of extra work we will have a brand new fleet, greatly improved infrastructure and a purpose built structure that fulfills our needs, With the help of climate smart, we can make this more sustainable and less expensive to operate. And maybe there are grants for all that. CSC suggestions would absolutely be appreciated. ...and... just as a thought, we do need a village hall. It might be possible to combine the highway garage with a new village hall...! The village pays 3K+ / month rent and we may be selling old village hall (as is) soon through Arlene Shepley, from Elise Harney. We were required to make sure that the oil tank was not leaking.

Water meters are close to being switched on. They haven't changed the billing yet. Matt wants to know more about what the data says.

HVA: Claire is leaving HVA . She's moving but will stay on part-time. She wants to do a new version of the plan, and she's looking for updates to the existing projects and new ones. Century Boulevard is one of them. The second community meeting will be in March. There was consensus about the need for and how to best use the parking. Storm drains are needed too. The old town garage site is in the plan. Sewer and water supply pipes (and well updates) also need to be added. She encouraged us to include climate smart stuff. The value is in applying for grants that are in an official watershed plan. (HVA is not bringing money.) Matt said trees are down in the Webatuck and is trying to figure out a way to pull them out. Rich reminded that fish need eddies for spawning. Maybe it's an assessment for a Trout Unlimited. Mill Street area flooding is another concern.

Emergency Preparedness: Chow sent the CSRP documents to Tilly and to Andrew and Kathleen to lead that relaunch along with Chris K. Will also send a zoom recording of Christine at NECC talking about the vulnerable populations

Earth Day: Chris V. Will lead / help coordinate. Chow will loop in Deborah. The closest Saturday to Earth day is Easter weekend so it would be the Saturday / Sunday (April 26 / 27). Kathleen will check to see what the library will be doing. Send all the info to Chris V.

Julie, at DLC. Is working with Rock Steady to do matching farmers with land talk at the movie house. We can also consider a Flea Market at Webutuck Community Day in May. Eddie Collins Field is off the table for this season because of construction.

Cleanup: one portion of the rail trail is littered with big junk. Chris Ks idea is to drag the stuff to the edge of the rail trail so the county would collect it. Claire Goodman said townscape will have a cleanup on the rail trail on Earth day (picking up trash).

Community Partners Meetings have evolved and moved to the school. There are lots of programs happening with kids like teenagers connecting e.g. with NECC and HVA.

Moviehouse: We can show Plastic People with a Q&A. Deborah saw it in Rhinebeck and can recruit panelists from Beyond Plastic. Chow will see it in Hudson March 14th. Hopefully, the movie is a call to action. Gloom and doom doesn't align with our mission. We're about what is hopeful / solutions. If that's message, it would be good to show on Earth day. Some of the panelists could be our local businesses - like the supermarket people. Also encouraging behavioral changes like a sign in restaurants "Do you need the straw?" or remind employees to ask people if they need the plastic cutlery they leave,

Community and Kindness

Matt reported that the banner at Main / Elm Street about community and kindness has come under fire from the local planning board. It was paid for by the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission in response to Hate Speech hand bills that went up in the middle of July, excoriating Jewish and Muslim folks.

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Next steps

- Moviehouse PR and panelist questions
- Coordinate Webutuck Student events
- Assemble Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Spec electric landscaping equipment for village

Summary

Webutuck's Honor Society came to Town Hall to learn about Government. CSC was the "committee" example. Their interests were: Rail Trail cleanup – hopefully Adopting a section. Ongoing cleanup with a sign. Earth Day cleanup with Townscape. McEnroe presentation (Olivia will give an info at school) and field trip to Coleman Station site. They want to explore composting of the cafeteria waste. Madeline Wesley is the Environmental Club Pres. and in Honor society. Patrick McKeever is the Environmental Club advisor. One student asked about beavers. No comments about plastic but Shea, the Hon Soc. Advisor, took the posters to post. Google Classroom and Parent Square are Webutuck communications. Tracy Trotter will approve posts we send through Ray C and send out. Patrick has a list of "no photos" students.

Plastic People - panelists will be Nicole Clanagan (Refillery), Megan Wolff (Beyond Plastics), Olivia (McEnroe's), Travis (Millerton Market). We will meet in advance to hear the subjects they want to discuss and craft our questions. TBD if there are audience questions. Travis must be supported / not end up the bad guy. The film explains the downside. Travis will discuss the challenges. Megan can explain the Bigger Better Bottle bill about reducing plastic in manufacturing. We can have an info table and lists of "what to do". Nicole can have examples of products in her store and give away samples of detergent etc. Megan gave Deborah suggestions of questions to start with. Discussion examples: Ronnybrook returnable bottles and Nicole's sterilizer. Low margins in food retail and paper and innovative packaging, National / state policies and safety regulations and communications. Andrew suggested talking with Travis to discuss the business. Andrew will approach Jam, also a big plastic user. Lee is owner, Alex is Chef.

Macho Rail Trail Cleanup – there is a big farm dump ½ mile north of Rudd Pond. Task force volunteers (only) will pull junk down to the trail and the county will pick it up. Wednesday April 9 at 5.

Bulk Trash Day – scheduled for May 10th at old town garage – even though the Village is using it. Adoption table won't be repeated this time as useful stuff was left at the end and had to be thrown in the dumpster. TBD if we can have a FREE day at Webutuck's Community Day – May 17, 2025.

Millerton DPW – Matt welcomes ideas from us. E.g. futureproofing, charger, solar panels... New building electric should be designed for chargers. Note: the CEC grant can only be used for publicly accessible chargers, and the Village DPW would NOT be. Best to spec landscaping equipment: robot mowers, weed-whackers, chainsaws, blowers, and extra batteries.

Emergency preparedness – At the student meeting Tilly and Meg were very interested in being involved. Chris explained that some aspects are municipal / county and connected, therefore need to be done by town people. Other parts can be handled / spearheaded by the volunteers on the committee Kathleen and Andrew.

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Other Earth Day ideas 2025:

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- Flea Market at Webutuck Community Day



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Chow showed the Habitat House – ready for planting

Rail Trail Macho cleanup had a great article in the newspaper. 230 people viewed Instagram. Record number of likes. The paper also ran a front page notice about Earth Day.

BTD Prep: A simpler BTD sandwich sign should go at bottom of Main St. Reminders to all to do social media. Kathleen will boost the post locally and alert John Coston (we'll have a new reporter). and the paper's things to do column. Meg will put it on Next Door. Chris Mayville will come. We won't have a free table. Better idea is to do a Free Day at people's houses. We'd just do publicity. (Eg: July 4th).

100 Cups of Coffee at Library – listening tour is coming up - 2 meetings are scheduled.

Meg's Repair Café contact and the library are interested in doing a repair cafe

Chris reported from the NY State meeting: no apparent changes in CSC – emissions reduction is still alive in NYS. No update on NYSERDA's CEC.

Webutuck's environmental club meeting with McEnroe's Intro to composting will be 2:30 Wednesday April 30. Note: McEnroe's compost manager Matt has left / Eric is taking over.

Andrew will meet with Jenn and Pete about landscaping gear + the Eddie Collins mowing plan using satellite (wireless) autonomous mowers. Chris reported that Poughkeepsie's soccer club pays for their maintenance. Jenn could ask the soccer club for a striping machine.

Chris K reports: Katie Cariello will run for village trustee. 2 Engineers will bid to write the RFP to renovate new town hall

County Supervisor's meeting in June will be on BESS system Battery Energy Storage systems designed to store low demand energy to balance timing costs. BESS COULD apply to the landfill if that moves forward.

Emergency preparedness – the existing plan from Chris is minimal. Andrew, Kathleen, Chris M will work on it. Gap assessment from HVA includes some points to consider. The CAC roundtable MIGHT have mentioned doing a cohort to assist writing plans. Andrew will ask Devin.

HVA reminder to make edits to the 10 mile mgmt. plan. See the link below. We need to update the plans. Chris is chasing HVA to get NYS DEC to review the plan and include the sewer. Being in the plan will support that and maybe there's an Economic Development angle.

Sunday Moviehouse event – The movie Plastic People has new shocking info but panel will be the uplifting. Andrew said Travis will leave for head of SVP retail operations for Stop & Shop OR Price Chopper. New Haven store will open May or June. Millerton is far behind. Pamela Peters wrote a good Main Street Magazine Plastics story. She's in Sharon. Stacey printed Deborah's postcards for people to send to senator and house speaker. PRRIA is the plastics bill we're recommending. Posters are around town, Moviehouse is running an ad and PR for a month.

Webutuck's Community Partners Day event is scheduled for May 17 if we want to participate. Eddie Collins park isn't ready for events.

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Present: Andrew Stayman, Rich Stalzer, Kathleen Spahn, Kathy Chow, Chris Virtuoso, Chris Deborah Maier
Absent: Kennan, Matt Hartzog, Steve Fahamie,

Next steps

- Prep for Millerton Street Fair June 28th, focusing on invasive plants and native alternatives.
- Andrew to follow up with Jen regarding autonomous electric mowers for Eddie Collins Field.
- Andrew / Kathleen / Chris M meet with Ray Castellani to discuss the school as heat / cool center.
- Chris Mayville to find county requirements for emergency preparedness.
- Rich to ask Bill Kish for dark skies content for water bills.
- Deborah to give Kathleen plastic factoids for Instagram posts.
- Rich to provide information on what electric bikes are allowed on the rail trail.

Summary

No Minutes were sent from for April. 23, 2025. Coming soon :-0

Bulk Trash Day

bulk trash day collected a record \$1,655 and had high participation - attributed to increased promotion, including using Next Door, Instagram boosting, and early advertising. Future BTM can include a free item exchange potentially tied to Earth Day.

"Plastic People" at the Moviehouse. The movie was a downer, but the panel successfully turned it into an empowering event. 30 Postcards were sent to gov't officials.

Plastic Reduction and Community Initiatives: The water bill can include a message about rethinking packaging and buying in bulk. Kathleen suggests creating Instagram posts with visuals about reducing plastic use. Deborah will lead.

100 Cups of coffee at the Library annex. Public participants didn't mention climate change. 😞 Most interest was in village events like art shows, music performances, and food trucks. Concerns included accessibility and sidewalk improvements. Kathleen recalled a woman who volunteered with the fire department to connect with different parts of the community. General desire is to improve relations between various community subgroups. Spring for Sound cancellation was due to difficulties in establishing it as a nonprofit and has Townscape declined to be the fiscal sponsor.

Millerton Street Fair on June 28th: CSC will have a tent. Potential themes include health impacts of PFAS, waste reduction, environmental progress, local trails. Best idea is about identifying invasive plants – maybe including a quiz or wheel game and offering native plant seedlings or seeds as prizes. Rich can provide plants from the pollinator garden, promote the seed library. There is a tree planting initiative in Millerton, with a meeting scheduled for June 3rd.

Electric landscaping equipment

Jen will provide an update by the end of the week. 2 mowers would cost \$11,300 out of the \$15,000, with the rest for other landscaping equipment.

Emergency Preparedness

Kathleen and Andrew discuss the completion of a county-required database describing the town's capabilities and mitigation plans. Next step is the emergency preparedness plan, considering both town and village needs. Chris Mayville will follow up about county requirements.

Webutuck Community Partner's meeting. The school's facilities were offered for community use including heating and cooling centers. Engaging students isn't producing follow-through so best to meet with principal Ray Castellani.

Dark Skies for the July Water Bill

Bill Kish should write a piece within two weeks. Other topics include tick prevention, rail trail safety, and electric bike regulations.

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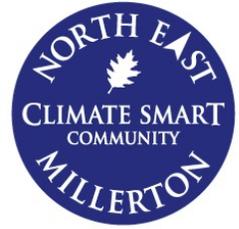
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Next steps

- Millerton Street Fair June 28th, focusing on invasives, natives,
- Emergency Preparedness July 1st meeting
- Repair Café meeting July 8
- Tree planting initiative in Millerton – Eric and Laurie
- Andrew & Jenn re landscaping gear
- Deborah to give Kathleen plastic factoids for Instagram posts.

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Minutes for May 28 and April 23, 2025 were approved

Website updates – Invasives, Natives, and Dark Skys sections are new :-)

Millerton Street Fair on June 28th Prep for our 6' table featuring invasives, landscaping gear, and dark skys. Meet up at 9:15. Volunteers are Deborah, Kathleen, Chow, Andrew. There is a 30-40' patch of knotweed on North Center Street north of Claire's on the wetland side. Salisbury Land Trust has a good "invasive alternatives" booklet. Bill did a good PPT about dark skys. Kathleen will bring a fixture sample. Deborah will make a crazy invasives hat.

Emergency Preparedness

July 1st meeting coming up. Kathleen, Andrew, and Chris Mayville will meet to make a plan / schedule. Deborah offered Paul's expertise with Medical Reserve Corps.

Electric landscaping equipment

Jenn approved Andrew's list. NYSERDA approved buying it. TBD if Craine's still has old batteries in stock. If so, he'll honor the buy 2 get 1 free. We'll do cut sheets to show off at the fair.

Repair Café: Kathleen, Rhiannon, and Meg will meet on the 8th 3PM at Library Annex. Oct 25 is set for the first Café. Andrew and Chow will volunteer. Kathleen Everett is the local expert. Deborah will bring a bucket of sand / oil to clean tools for storage. CSC has money for membership which includes a lamps repair kit.

Bio Filters: Steve, Rich, Andrew, Chow, Chris K toured the landfill with Elenor who recorded size, vents, etc. Consultant Peter Bannister of Geosyntec has been hired to measure emissions and the impact of biofilters. HVRC will also hire a local person to do data collection, working with Peter. Program \$ seem to be safe.

Bulk Trash Day: We collected a record \$1,655 bill is for \$1,958. 8-air conditioners, 1 refrigerator, 3-sofas, 19-mattresses, 1-lg truck tire, 10-car tires. We are in the hole \$130. .but that's only 6%.... We earned \$173.60 for the metal. Ben Weitsman near Albany is Steve's recommendation for a scrap metal recycler. Andrew recommends the book: Secret Life of Groceries.

Water Bill for Q3 went to village with Dark Syks info

Emergency Preparedness: Kathleen recommends an opt-in texting notification system for true emergencies like the service the library uses. Last week's storm is an example of what would warrant an alert.

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Guest: Meg Winkler

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Chris Virtuoso, Rich Stalzer, Deborah Maier

Next steps

- Emergency Preparedness
- Meg ask Matt about GoGov
- Post native / invasive brochures to the CSC site
- Make Ready / EV charger updates
- Repair Café budget
- Update Ten Mile Watershed

Summary

Minutes for June 25, 2025 were approved

Updates: Kathleen reminded all to visit Tri Corner FEED store on South Center St

Government: Chris K commented. USA will cut back on Climate Change involvement in programs. The U.N. Int'l Court of Justice says that Climate Change is an existential threat so gov'ts can be sued. Chris believes the feds are actually working to deny climate change. NYS and the county are under pressure from yanked federal funds.

Ronnybrook's reimbursement grant is an example of affected programs. Our heat pump campaign is another (NYSERDA cut funds). Kathleen sent an article suggesting alternatives. Our D congressman Pat Ryan wants to repeal California's healthy air "right". Steve will update us.

Emergency Preparedness: Andrew and Kathleen showed their table of contents for an emergency action plan. Jenn will join the committee. Police and fire will be involved too. It will include THEIR processes. Responsibilities will be a focus. Assigning RASCI roles could help (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Supporting, Informed).

Webutuck is also publishing their plan though theirs is school specific / not community. Heating and cooling are examples of their upcoming changes (the generator is scheduled to be on this month). NECC should be looped in too. Village is doing an opt-

in text communication system (GoGov. is one). Meg will ask Matt about it. Mailings are expensive. Tilly can use tax receipts to include a mailing if the town wants to publicize one (but renters wouldn't get it).

Millerton Street Fair July 28

CSC booth showed off invasives and natives. There were questions about alternatives to popular invasives. (Web updates can include downloadable brochures.) Deborah wore a funny hat covered with invasives. Dark skys info generated interest as well as the list of Village electric landscape gear.

Andrew showed the electric gear on order – he's hoping for delivery next week or August at the latest. The money is from NYSEDA's CEC grant. CEC's EV charger for Town Hall PREP grant hasn't been started. Andrew will follow up with Liz Sun to make sure we'll still get that part. Chris will ask Lorna if the 10K for the charger itself has arrived.

Repair Café. Meg has 5 volunteers. CSC will be a "sponsor". Meg joined the Int'l group. Lamp parts is an expense. People often give donations but it goes to the event, not fixers. Refreshments and Fixers lunch is an expense. Oct 25 is scheduled. There are 2 possibilities for April: 18 or 25.

Biofilters: The contract needs to be signed once insurance is finalized.

Q2 Water bill: the enclosure included CSC dark Skys info.

Tree planting: Laurie Eric and Matt are looking for a grant for trees along residential streets. Steve reminded about too tall trees under power lines. There is a tree selection guide to be on the website.

Rail Trail: rules say E Bikes ARE allowed. Chris wants to talk to the county about maintenance north of the village e.g. beavers vs. maintenance.

August 27 CSC meeting will be an in person. Chow's house is the default – with beer.

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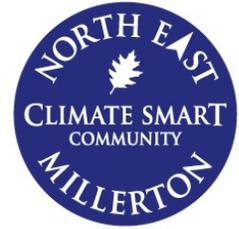
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Next Task Force Meeting: August 27, 2025 at 6 PM.

Climate Smart Community Task Force

July 23, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 PM on Chris's terrace

MEETING Notes



Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Steve Fahamie, Kathleen Spahn, Chris Kennan Chris Virtuoso, Deborah Maier **Guest:** Dick Hermanns

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Rich Stalzer

NEXT STEPS

- Plan Pumpkin Smash
- Post native / invasive brochures to the CSC site
- Update Ten Mile Watershed
- Chris K will send a supervisor email requesting maintenance advice volunteers
- Help Dick H assess seasonal maintenance to present to county
- Chris meet with electrical contractor about EV charger to launch Make Ready
- Organize Flee market or Free Junk Day with Village
- Chris V talk with Bash Bish about Repair Café

SUMMARY

Minutes from July 23, 2025 were approved

Rail Trail: Dick Hermanns gave an update on the trail history and plans. They got a grant to extend from Chatham to Ghent at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Spring 2027 is the current completion schedule. Bridge across 22 is the next big step / the property has been bought. BTW the solar field there might be coming down as it's not doing what it's supposed to do. Millerton will get a new side path for educational (not historical) displays on 27 topics about plants and animals. Andrew referenced the Falls Village Power plant nature walk where stakes along the path are numbered with info. Dick– requested volunteers to assess Rail Trail seasonal maintenance to present to county. Andrew, Chris K, Steve F, Chow, Chris V said yes. Discussion about maintenance: Dick said a maintenance grant has been promised and the trail needs “adoption”. Webutuck Patrick McKeever's Honor Society kids have expressed interest in adopting. Chris offered wetland lessons from Millerton: e.g. longer spans to prevent beaver block-ups. Very early spring is the time to collect trash. Storm damage / downed trees takes out fences. Power tools have not been allowed but that might change with the incoming head. Clearing invasives is critical but chemicals aren't allowed on the trail. NYS's new study says year 1 Round-up painting means year 2 regrowth will die just by cutting. Sadly, the discussed Round-up discontinuation by Bayer will open up for even worse chemicals. Send invasive management calendar. Cheers! to Dick for sticking with it since 1977! Chris K will send a supervisor email requesting maintenance advice volunteers

Emergency prep update: Sept meeting will include fire / police / etc. Stay tuned.

Village landscaping gear: Stihl landscaping gear arrived 3 weeks ago. Pete likes it 😊 Kathleen will take pictures of them using it. Mower is not yet delivered (needs follow-up from Village). It's just for the Baseball field. A unit on a pole talks to a satellite then controls the mower.

Town Hall: Make Ready grant is good to the end of the year. 2nd week of Sept is the Chris meeting with electrical contractor. EV charger location is all that's needed for Make Ready to spec needs / work.

Repair Café: Kathleen is talking to bike fixits. The new Bash Bish guys might want to be there. Chris V will talk with them. Andrew volunteered for small repairs too. Deborah will bring her tool prep bucket for winter storage. Deborah has an auger for compost mixing – she'll do a video for Social Media.

Landfill: Steve reported on the quarterly Bio Filter meeting It will be installed next year or the following. New HRVC local hire will be for monitoring. Testing protocols are being worked out. Andrew volunteered to be involved in monitoring design. Peter Bannister will be evaluating. Amazingly, this federal grant is still going forward. HRVC is managing the program really well. Chris will sign the MOU.

NYS clean air: California will be the engine for other states EPA emissions regulations. Pat Ryan voted against it. Steve is angry.

Web updates: Native and Invasive docs need Rich to add them to the website.

Trash: County legislator Lisa Kaul is proposing a plastic “ask bill” about disposables / condiments. She and Rebecca are incinerator plotters – a subject worth getting involved in. Local takeout cardboard containers are coated and not compostable – but they are recyclable. Welsh sends their recyclables to a sorter. Only metal, glass, and paper

Ambulance: Empress bought NDP Ambulance. TBD how the county deals with it. Fly cars at fire depts can get to an accident quicker. Town challenge is to balance capability with cost.

Free Junk Day. Likely NOT part of the village festival. Best plan is to publicize one weekend for residents to put junk on their own driveway. Schedule “Last Call” the weekend before bulk trash day. Talk to the village about organizing.

Pumpkin Smash: should be at Eddie Collins if possible. Matt / Andrew, Jeremy and Dana are the ones to talk with. Best with music, food trucks, make it a Village event

Next Meeting: Sept 24 is scheduled BUT the PCA mixer is the next day so our Sept meeting will be there in person.

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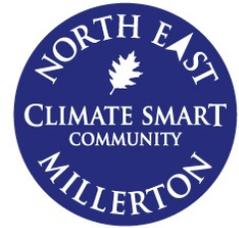
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Special Task Force Meeting: THURSDAY August 25, 2025 at PCA Mixer, Hudson 😊

Climate Smart Community Task Force

Oct 22, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 PM

MEETING Notes



Present: Andrew, Chow, Kathleen, Rich, Steve, Chris K and Deborah

Absent: Matt, Chris V

NEXT STEPS

- Pumpkin Smash prep: posters, test the launcher, get mallet, stump and 8-foot 4x4s.
- Chow to send pictures and dimensions of Helpsy bins.
- Chris to follow up with Jason Angell about the solar feasibility study for the town garage.
- Chris to look into options for the glaring lights at the town garage.
- Andrew to contact ChargePoint about the slow charging issue at the village EV charger.
- Chow to create an invasives and natives resources Word document for the website.
- Rich to add the Repair Cafe flyer to the Climate Smart page on the website.
- Andrew, Kathleen, and Chow to research options for a reusable banner for CSC events.

SUMMARY

Minutes from August 27th meeting were approved.

(We did not have a September meeting, because it was in person at the PCA event. Andrew, Steve, and Chow went, but it was wickedly noisy, so we tabled everything,)

Repair Cafe Chow will do sewing. Deborah will do landscape winterization. Andrew will bring general fixit tools and bike repair equipment. Meg has sufficient volunteer support.

Pumpkin Smash Andrew is working on his launch release mechanism. Chow suggested John Rakanova, a skilled woodworker, to create a large, lightweight mallet for children. Rich offered his wood splitting stump before the 10th. Steve agreed to source 8-foot pressure-treated 4x4s from Home Depot.

Garage Solar Panels The town approved Jason Angell / Municipal Solar Partners' proposal to conduct a feasibility study for installing solar panels on the town garage, which should contribute CSC points. Chris K discussed addressing the glare from industrial lights at the garage. Replacing them would be expensive and require rewiring, but they are exploring options to turn them off at night using sensors.

New Town Hall EV Charger Location will be the parking spaces directly in front of the front door past the island and driveways. CEC's MakeReady does design, permit, trenching, wiring, etc. The CEC grant pays for the charger and installation. Chow will contact Berlinghoff, the local contractor on CEC Liz's list.

Village EV charger Chris reported slow charging (3 kWh instead of 7.2 kWh) and inconsistent functionality. Andrew said ChargePoint monitors all charges and can investigate problems. He will follow up. Kathleen said the village is preparing to install additional chargers

Emergency Preparedness Kathleen said initial documents including cheat sheets and call lists for emergency responses are done. She discussed a meeting with the fire department, updates to a document, and public information efforts. Andrew needs to contact Anna Klune from HVRC regarding the village bronze certification.

Water Bills We missed an opportunity to include inserts in for the Repair Cafe and Pumpkin Smash. Deborah raised concerns about brush burning during a burn ban, which Chris clarified was not currently in effect.

Wastewater Priorities The HVA watershed plan needs to focus on making the wastewater project the top priority for the health of the Webatuck stream. The project is mentioned in the report, but other issues like culverts and road width are also highlighted.

Helpsy Bins Meg should be the primary contact. The group discussed potential locations for the bins in Millerton, with Village Hall and Pasture Kitchen's parking lot are the most promising options. We need more information about bin dimensions and requirements before approaching potential hosts. Chow offered to send photos and specs to Matt and Chris. Chris is concerned about Chris Choi's frequent media statements about ongoing projects, which are becoming less credible.

Rail Trail Maintenance - need to follow up with Dick about volunteers. Rich explained the county occasionally uses machinery, but most maintenance involves citizen volunteers using hand tools to control vegetation. Chris suggested creating a CSC initiative for trail maintenance. Andrew said assessment and coordination with the county is necessary due to tool restrictions and varying trail conditions. Further maintenance planning is postponed to the following year. Rich committed to posting documents about invasive and native plants for the website.

CSC Sign. A versatile CSC Banner is on the wish list for the intersection of Main Street and 22 (needs blessing from Jenn). Andrew proposed a 2x6-8 foot banner featuring changeable Velcro attachments for event names and dates. Kathleen suggested exploring options for weatherproof, changeable signage, and display solutions at stores like Staples.

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Next Task Force Meeting: Wednesday November 26, 2025



Climate Smart Community Task Force

Dec 17, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 PM ZOOM MEETING Notes

Present: Andrew Stayman, Kathy Chow, Steve Fahamie, Rich Stalzer, Deborah Maier, Kathleen Spahn, Chris Kennan

Absent: Matt Hartzog, Chris Virtuoso

Next steps

- Kathleen: ask Meg to reach out to Betsy Trotta regarding jewelry repair for the Repair Cafe
- Chris: Contact the American Legion about hosting a Helpsy bin in their parking lot
- Chow: Send real cost numbers for EV charger ancillary items before January 8th meeting
- Chow: alert the Village if EV charger incentives are available
- Steve: Get interconnection study results from Jason for Town Garage solar project
- Kathleen: Send draft emergency preparedness document to Chris Kennan for review

Summary

Minutes for October 22, 2025 were approved

Pumpkin Smash on Nov 15, 2 - 5PM was great. There were LOTS of young families. The slingshot worked well for most of the time. Bob Stevens brought a spectacular stump for smashing. Andrew and Henry made a gorgeous mallet. Kathleen hosted a CSC info tent. People were especially interested in the toilet leak detection trick. Millerton 175 table with cider and donuts, Willa's beer table – including mascot Willa the Pig, and McEnroe's Olivia composting info table all participated. They all plus Millerton News helped promote it.

Q1 water bill insert is about testing for leaks and water meters. It connects to a post on CSC IG with instructions for reading digital and analog water meters.

Repair Cafe was held at the Library Annex on October 25, 11 - 3PM. Andrew, Chow, Kathleen were fixers. Kathleen was an organizer with Meg and Rhiannon. It was very successful. **Earth Day 2026** (April 22nd) will be on the following **Saturday, April 25**. Repair Cafe will host their next event on that Saturday and we will be a co-host. The front lawn is available too, e.g. for bike repair. The same fixers will likely be there. We'll need a new fixer for Jewelry repair. Suzie Fromer, Repair Café founder, has offered to train someone. Meg can ask Betsy Trotta if she (or someone) is interested. Amenia is not very active so won't be a conflict.

Millerton 175 festival July 11-18, 2026 9AM - 1PM. Eddie Collins Fair Flea Market

CSC will organize a flea market to be held at Eddie Collins on Saturday July 11 (it's already of the official schedule). Vendors will be invited to set up tables (or picnic blankets) to sell items. We will need a team to organize and run the event. Chris V is a good candidate.

Bulk Trash Day Chris noted that BTD is typically held in the spring or fall so bulk trash day will not be connected to the flea market. CSC WILL publicize a DIY "FREE" pickup day when residents can put give-away items at their driveway and/or hold garage sales on their lawns. The following Saturday will be our CSC Bulk Trash Day. **FREE Day will be publicized as April 11 and 12. Bulk Trash Day will be April 18, 2026.** Helpsy bins still needs a location. CVS has a bin with bags of soggy junk that doesn't get cleaned up. American Legion is the best location. Chris will ask them (they had a bin until recently.)

Zoning The town board will hold a public hearing on zoning at the New Town Hall on **January 8th**. Chris is advocating touse the unfinished space to showcase the new building. A reorganization meeting will take place on January 2nd to appoint committee members. The CSC Task Force doesn't need reappointment as there are no term limits

Town Hall EV Charger Berlinghoff is working on the Make-Ready form, which needs to be completed by April. Chris is concerned about potential costs and public criticism that the charger is just for his car. Talking points include: NYS money is only available until the deadline and the CEC grant had a very short list of what it could be used for. Steve noted that many town halls have chargers. Rich mentioned that EV charging infrastructure is required in the new zoning and that the town should lead by example. Chris needs clear cost information before proceeding. Estimated costs for ancillary items like bollards and signs are likely about \$1100 .

Millerton's Chargers: Deborah noted that the existing charger is now more heavily used since Andrew had it repaired. There is discussion of adding to Village charging stations. Andrew confirmed that infrastructure is already in place for a second Century Boulevard station BUT the Rail trail parking lot on S Center Street is a better location. Chow will notify the village of any grant opportunities before a deadline. 4 Bros. restaurants have deactivated their chargers. Deborah said they were wrapped up and subscriptions canceled. Andrew noted that those locations weren't ideal for charging anyway since customers weren't there long enough to really use them.

Solar panels for Town Garage Steve and Chris discussed the project, which is moving forward with engineering studies and interconnection processes from Municipal Solar Partners. Construction should start by July 4th next year to qualify for the 30% incentive. TBD how the project will be funded. Options include municipal ownership or private development with electricity sales to the municipality.

CSC Event Sign Chow and Andrew showed a changeable banner design that uses Velcro letters that can be changed for different events. Cost, durability, and placement of the banner are considerations - for further exploration.

Emergency Preparedness is proceeding with greatly appreciated help from Kathleen and Andrew. The next CSC meeting will be January 28th

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