

## MEETING MINUTES FOR: 05/21/2025

Town of Aurora Climate Smart Community Task Force

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### MEETING DETAILS

Project Manager: Luke Wochensky, Town of Aurora Councilman

Date: 05/21/2025

Time: 6:02pm

Location: Town of Aurora Municipal Building, 575 Oakwood Ave. East Aurora, NY

### ATTENDANCE

Present: **Claudia Newton**- ACES Representative; **Lori Borowiak**- Village resident; **Steve Bjella**- Village resident; **Sharon Bachman**- in advisory role from Cornell Cooperative Extension Present via Zoom/Phone: **Michele Bjella**- Village Resident & member of Citizens Climate Lobby- absent due to illness; Absent: **Annika Safford**, Village resident & Student at University of VT, Sustainability & Marketing Program;

Absent: Luke Wochensky- Town of Aurora Council member; Susan Russell, ACES Representative & Village of East Aurora Zoning Board; Jeanne Beiter- Senior Program Manager for Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper & Village of East Aurora Planning Board;

### I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:07PM

### II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- Scoot around June: Steve & Annika – Looking for more business involvement, we have 3 so far, we probably need to be a little more pushy. Info has gone up on the website. Signups have started to come in. We are looking to promote through the schools.
  - How the Businesses aspect will work, is that people will fill out a form with contact info, and mileage of their trip, and place it in the jar. We can also have a QR code for logging in miles.
  - Looking for more ways to incentivize people to visit businesses, or track additional mileage and log in and track mileage, to be eligible for the door prize.
    - Library, Pool, B&G Club,
    - Schools – put it in the Tuesday Folder

- Poster with QR Code for sign-up and QR Code for logging
- Support needed? Tell people you know about the initiative.
  - Put it on the ACES newsletter
  - Social Media Posts
  - Promoting through the Chamber of Commerce
- If we don't get a big prize for a grand prize, is there something else we should be thinking about? Should we seek donations to collect for something bigger?
- Dare to Repair Cafe – Organizing Committee meeting was held on 4/29. We have a suitable amount of volunteers to assist the Dare to Repair Team from Buffalo, but more are always welcome. Set up at Senior Center 7/25 3:30 until the job is done. The event is 7/26, set up support 10 am, the event is 11 am to 2 pm, and clean up until 3 pm. If anyone knows anyone who would like to be a repair person, please contact Sue Russell at [susan91458@me.com](mailto:susan91458@me.com).
  - Did Lori have a chance to speak with BOCES/EA High School to see if they are interested? Lori texted the EA Tech teacher, regarding the event, and if students are interested I will have them email Sue. Lori does not have a contact at BOCES. Sharon will send
  - Should we reach out to local businesses? Bike shop, vacuum cleaner, jeweler, sewing store...
  - Do we have support from Moog?
  - Dave Moomaw – may be someone who wants to participate in the event and volunteer to help fix items.
- One Region Forward Event 5/21/2025 – no one at the meeting was in attendance.
- Comprehensive Plan Update – no update.
- Planning for Next Actions (fall)
  - Claudia will reach out to the Town again to get the Fleet inventory
  - Sharon provided an update on the tool collection event where they collected 85 tools and got a picture of Sue in the Bee!

### III. OPEN DISCUSSION

IV. CLOSING REMARKS

V. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm