

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Aurora Climate Smart Community Task Force

MEETING DETAILS

Project Manager: Luke Wochensky, Town of Aurora Councilman

Date: 10/15/2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Ray Wrazen - Town of Aurora Council member; Susan Russell- ACES Representative & Village of East Aurora Zoning Board; Lori Borowiak- Village resident; Sharon Bachman- in advisory role from Cornell Cooperative Extension; Steve Bjella- Village resident; *Claudia Newton- ACES Representative & Town of Aurora resident; Annika Safford- Village resident & graduate of University of VT, Sustainability & Marketing Program*

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00PM

II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

General Comprehensive Plan- Ray & Sue: Public Workshop #2 to be held on 10/22. EA High School Cafeteria, 5:30-7:30. The Goals and Strategies Document outlines categories in the GCP where the CSC Task Force is flagged for in-kind support. These categories provide solid ideas for future projects.

Review of the Aurora Climate Vulnerability Assessment - Ray & Sue: Discussion and questions. Comments to be provided in writing from Lori & Annika. Specific questions to be brought to consultants include concern that the document as a stand-alone does not index to other GCP documents that provide further detail on climate impacts, goals and suggested mitigation strategies. Discussion also focused on decision as to why “flooding” impact was chosen as the singular choice for emphasis.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Town Compost Bins: Ray- 2 bins are available and Ray is looking for suggestions on how to offer them to residents. Suggestion: A raffle the evening of the GCP Workshop #2.

Dare to Repair Cafe: Sue- Not discussed due to time factor, but this report is offered in writing for the record:

Event held at the Aurora Senior Center, 7/26/25. 55 attended. 34 items successfully repaired. (75/56% repair success rate.) 338 lbs of potential waste diverted from local landfills. \$4,780 saved on replacement costs. 2,375.3 lbs of carbon offset. Thank you to Task Force members Lori, Steve, Claudia, and ACES for providing refreshments and multiple volunteers.

IV. CLOSING REMARKS- N/A

V. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Minutes submitted by: Susan Russell