

Canaan Climate Smart Task Force Meeting

May 19th, 2026 – 7PM

In attendance

Task Force Members:

- Victoria Mills – Co-Chair, Town Board Liaison
- Elyse Mason – Co-Chair
- Becky Meier
- Tom Potter
- Nick Adams

Outside Contributors:

- Brenda Adams – Town Supervisor
- Tara Donadio – CDRPC
- Eva Dean Welchman

Approval of April meeting minutes

- Victoria motions, Becky seconds.

Tara Donadio has been helping the Climate Smart Task Force for the last several years. Next week, she will move on to a new job as Senior Manager, Policy & Programs at [Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships](#). We want to express our deepest gratitude for her limitless abilities in providing clarity and guidance through nearly all aspects of the CSC process. Although we will miss her deeply, we wish Tara the best in her new role. Thank you Tara!

Planning for Canaan Day

- Date set for June 20th, 1-4pm
- We will have a table
 - Marion will bring the table banner
- Waste reduction and recycling focus
 - Recycling challenge: determining what can be recycled, with actual materials in a bin or on a whiteboard with picture magnets
 - Raffle a county recycling sticker (Tom offered to pay)
 - Recycling brochure
- Infographic covering Task Force accomplishments (Mark)
- Other climate tables at Canaan Day:

- Ask Farmscape Ecology (Becky has already done this)
- Tom to ask CLC
- Ask John Franklin (guy who successfully removed all his invasives)

Planning for Fall event with Congregational Church

- Jay Aronson suggests the Climate Smart Task Force hold a joint event at the Canaan Congregational Church
- Movie night, show films from the [climate future film festival](#).
 - Potluck food
 - 6-8 pm on a night in September: Thursday, September 24th
 - Have people RSVP to determine food and screen size (Eva willing to lend her projector)
- This would help build community and attract a new audience for the Task Force
- Task Force will review the films before next month's meeting. Find the climate future film festival page [here](#).

Remaining tasks for Silver application (May 22 deadline)

- Everything is done except for the Heat Emergency Plan
- Plan needs to be put on social channels
- Projected for 319 points
 - 21 points for a 20% GHG reduction due to heating oil reduction

Communication

- We need to expand our communications and outreach
- Discuss further when we have Mark & Marion with us.

Comp Plan update from Brenda

- Town Board public hearing on June 3rd at 7PM
- Second meeting June 16th to be the environmental review (SEQRA)

Meeting Adjourned 8:22 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm