

## **Town of Mendon Climate Smart Communities Task Force**

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 6th, 2026

PRESENT: Peter Carosa - Task Force Coordinator  
Margaret Bailey  
Mike Burke  
Jeff Clark  
Tim Engström  
Rebecca Kreuzer  
Kim Roberts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: None

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, 7:00 PM

#### **1. Call to Order: 7:07 PM**

#### **2. Welcome & Introductions**

- Round the room introductions for new CSC Task Force members (Kim Roberts and Rebecca Kreuzer)

#### **3. Task Force Openings**

General discussion of the best way to identify candidates and fill the three remaining task force positions (Town Resident, Town Employee, and Ex.Officio HF-L high school student).

- Town Resident
  - i. Tim had been impressed with Brent Rosiek. Peter will reach out to Brent.
  - ii. Peter will reach out to Joe Alati about a resolution in the next Town Board meeting for advertising the position in the Sentinel, on the Town website, and on Facebook. This also offers the general advantage of getting the word out about the Task Force.
- Town Employee
  - i. Important to find a Town Employee that has genuine interest in joining the task force and not someone that is being “voluntold” to participate. This also helps improve overall Town buy-in.
  - ii. The Village CSC Task Force village employee is a former administrator. This person was great at pulling records and stats.
  - iii. Kim suggested Corey Gates might have that capability, but Corey is quite busy.
  - iv. Peter will work with Joe Alati to identify an interested candidate from the Town.

- HF-L Student Representative
  - i. The village CSC Task Force was initiated by a high-school student on the Green Team that wanted to do a greenhouse gas emissions study.
  - ii. Peter will work with Kim to write an announcement seeking a student member.
  - iii. Juniors will likely have greater interest in joining to include the activity on college resumes. Seniors will have already been accepted to college and perhaps not as interested in the resume builder.

#### **4. Determination of Task Force Minute-Taker**

- Rebecca was assigned as the Task Force Minute-Taker.

#### **5. Overview of Climate Smart Communities Progress To Date**

- Monroe County came to a Town Board meeting to encourage Towns to implement a climate action plan.
- Town Board passed a series of resolutions in September, 2025 that adopted the CSC pledge, stood up a Mendon Task Force, appointed five of the nine members, and instructed the Task Force to focus on understanding what has already been done that we can get credit for.
- There are two CSC levels: Bronze and Silver. Towns complete actions and earn points towards those levels.

#### **6. Next Steps**

- Members will review the actions list and be prepared to discuss priority actions at the February meeting. The next review period will be in late summer.
- Advertise / fill remaining task force positions.
- Create a google drive for file sharing and collaboration.
- Margaret will reach out to Monroe County representative (Madison) about getting the QR code for the Climate Adaptation Resiliency Plan survey.
- Understand what grants Mendon is and is not eligible for based on our average income levels.
- Get access to the CSC dashboard for all task force members

#### **7. Meeting Adjournment: 8:24 PM**