

**Climate Smart Committee
Regular Meeting Notes**

DATE & TIME: February 24, 2025 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Public may join via Zoom, Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF:
PRESENT: Chair Greene, Elizabeth Broad
ABSENT:
QUORUM PRESENT: No
OTHER ATTENDEES: Naseem Haidauoi; Kristen Schara, UC EMC, Hurley Climate Smart TF

Chair Greene Called the meeting the order at approximately 6:35 PM.

The members discussed future plans for the Climate Smart Committee, including educational webinars and the Climate Row at the Ulster County Fair.

Chair Greene mentioned that Legislator Chris Hewitt who is also the Chair to the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee is pushing for composting at the fair, emphasizing its importance.

The committee considered developing a survey to gauge interest and preferences from the Climate Smart Committee members.

Committee members explored the possibility of having County Executive Jen Metzger present on the county's climate initiatives as part of an educational webinar.

Updates included the Zero Waste Hurley initiative, Kingston's Earth Fair and the progress of the Ulster County 70 by 30 renewable energy working group.

The committee also discussed the potential for a Reuse Innovation Center and the importance of food waste composting.

Committee members discussed in organizing a composting expo to showcase successful composting programs and educate businesses on the food waste prevention and recovery act.

Additionally, a Youth Climate Action Grant for 15-25-year-olds was highlighted in which the youth can apply and receive \$1000 to \$5000 from the grant.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: XX

Motion Seconded By: XX

Votes in Favor: 0

Votes Against: 0

Adjourned: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lizvett Noriega

Approved: XX