



CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes from Climate Smart Meeting – Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Attendees: Jen Tipton, Casey Paige, Barb Star, Suzy Mandrino, Brian Emelson, Keith Maynard, Rich O’Donnell, Christine Lockwood

Absent: Carla Jordan, Sean-Marie Crittenden

- Introduction of Jen Tipton, Town Councilmember as a new member of our committee.
- Went over our January submission of our Climate Smart Community Application
 - We should hear back on our submission by end of March.
 - Submission details:
 - **PE 1 Action Build a Climate Smart Community**
 - Climate Smart Community Task Force and Coordinator
 - **PE 3 Decrease Energy Use**
 - Lighting upgrades
 - Benchmarking municipal buildings
 - Fleet inventory
 - Advance vehicles (EV vehicles)
 - Street lighting upgrades
 - Energy Code Enforcement Training
 - Working on building energy audit with Rachel later this year
 - **PE5 Use Climate Smart Materials Management**
 - Solid waste audit
 - Recycling bins in government buildings
 - Organic waste program
 - Reuse program (swap shop)
 - Compost bins for residents/organics waste program.
 - **PE6 Implement Climate Smart Land Use**
 - Comprehensive Plan with sustainability elements
 - Unified Solar Permit
 - Planning for biking and walking (sidewalks)
 - Electric vehicle charging stations.
 - Safe Routes to School
 - **PE7 Enhance Community Resilience to Climate Change**
 - Flood mitigation Plan.
 - Green Infrastructure (stormwater, bioretention ponds)
 - Native species



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- **PE8 Support a Green Innovation Economy**
 - Farmers Market (advertise, on website and newsletter)
- **PE9 Inform and Inspire the Public**
 - Climate change education and engagement (compost workshop)
 - Climate-related Public Events
 - Local Climate Action website
- **PE10 Engage in Evolving Process of Climate Action**
 - Annual progress report
- Discussed our new Climate Smart website Suzy created and any additions we should add:
 - Native species garden at the library
 - Post Arbor Day Event – April 18th, 10:00 am
- Keith gave an update on the EV vehicle on order for Building Department
 - Ford Lightning is no longer available ordered EV Chevrolet Silverado that is in the process of being built.
 - New Ford has been great. They charge truck once a week unless they have subzero temperatures, then they leave it plugged in overnight.
 - Brian Emelson talked about possible electric vehicle purchase for Parks Department in the future.
- Green infrastructure plan is in the process of being updated. Keith and LaBella are currently working on this and hope to have it done by end of year.
- Rain Barrel class is going to be scheduled in the spring or summer in Victor.
 - Casey will email Alaina to see when this will be scheduled, and we will reserve Municipal Park for this event.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 12th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.
- **ADJOURN – 5:35 pm**