

Village of Millbrook

Climate Smart Community Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026

Members present:

Mike Herzog, Eldar Shumanov, Shannon La Deau, Shannon Mawson

Review of Earth Day Festivities at TOW Pool April 19, 12:00-3:00 pm

Mike Herzog reported using a display board titled “Where Does Your Water Come From” to answer questions from event participants. TOW Counsel woman Susan Mancuso joined Herzog at the booth demonstrating how local wells functioned in the TOW. A steady stream of people stopped at our booth. This display and approach could be used on Community Day in September or at the Farmer’s Market during the summer to keep our residents informed of the CSC Committee’s activities. Photos and a short summary of the event should be posted on CSC web page.

Planned Pledge Elements with Cornell Cooperative Extension

The Mayor has approved upcoming projects with the CCE and the CSC task force on Pledge Element 7- Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptive Plan over 2026 and 2027. Specifics of how that work will be organized will be discussed at our next meeting in June.

Ongoing Pledge Element Work

Our NYSEERDA workshop entitled “Saving Energy, Saving Dollars” went off successfully at the Millbrook Library on May 21, 2026 at the Millbrook Library. More workshops at the Library are part of our future plans as part of Pledge Element 9: Climate Change Education and Engagement.

Trustee Shannon Mawson reported that the Village is pursuing grants to support the conversion of all lights in Village Hall to LED lighting. Review of pledge element Interior Lighting requirements revealed review of all Village facilities and LED conversions in all buildings was necessary to complete the element. That will necessitate possible further work as an ongoing task in Village Hall, Sewer Treatment Plant, and Water Treatment Plant.

Future Recommended Pledge Elements

Mike Herzog reported the following Pledge Elements that could be considered for future consideration by CSC Committee.

- Heat Emergency Plan
- Cooling Centers
- Social Media
- Source Water Protection Plan
- Comprehensive Plan with Inclusion of Sustainability Elements

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Herzog, seconded by Eldar Shuminov and passed at 5:50PM

Minutes prepared by Mike Herzog / June 9, 2026