

Proposed plan for implementing the Climate Smart Communities Pledge:

1. Establish a Task Force.
 - a. This could be an off shoot of the either the Conservation Board or the Planning Board; or could report directly to the Town Board.
 - b. DEC suggests the Task Force be comprised of elected officials, department heads, financial personnel, road maintenance staff, building inspectors, someone from the Conservation Board, local experts, volunteer firefighters, interested citizens.
 - c. Town Board should assign a chair – someone that knows about climate change.
2. Define the mission of the Task Force. This can be done by the Town Board or the Town Board can delegate it to the Task Force and the Town Board would provide feedback and approval of the mission.
3. The Task Force would then establish goals, priorities, and a timeline for completing the pledge items.
4. The Town Board should define reporting expectations and follow-up regularly on the activities of the Task Force.