

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Susan M. Paynter, Chair
Arlene Weissman, Vice-Chair
Julia Blelock
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Evan Neumann
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Kenneth Panza, Secretary

Agenda for the Meeting of March 4, 2026

Call to Order

WEC Vice-Chair Arlene Weissman will chair the meeting; Susan is on vacation

WEC Members Present

Guests Present

Approval of the Agenda

Consideration of Minutes for

WEC meeting of February 18, 2026 previously updated and distributed

[An archive of 2026 WEC meeting minutes is available on Google Drive](#)

[An archive of 2025 WEC meeting minutes is available on Google Drive](#)

Correspondence

Email from **Evelyn Laferriere, Clean Energy and Climate Smart Communities Coordinator, Hudson Valley Regional Council**. Evelyn is under contract through the Ulster County Department of the Environment to provide technical assistance for municipal climate and clean energy projects, and is available to assist with Climate Smart Communities and Clean Energy Communities applications.

Email from HVRC announcing that **NYSERDA is seeking feedback** on the development of a new Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program. Provides an opportunity for municipal staff and elected officials, community board members, and staff from other public-purpose town departments such as police and fire, to provide feedback on the upcoming Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program, anticipated to be launched in the spring of 2026. NYSERDA is requesting input on general program design, benefits of specific clean energy actions, and grant options. Response is due by March 20, 2026 at 3pm. Target Respondents: Municipal staff and elected officials, community board members, and staff from other public-purpose town departments such as police and fire.

Announcements

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced that she has signed [Executive Order #3](#) creating a Climate Smart Community Task Force and a Local Government Climate Action Partnership that affirms the county's climate commitment at a time of federal rollbacks.

The Ulster County Climate Smart Communities Task Force will guide, coordinate, and implement the County's sustainability and resilience initiatives and administer its application for renewal of Climate Smart certification.

The Local Government Climate Action Partnership, a sub-committee of the Environmental Management Council consisting of one member from each city, town, and village Climate Smart Communities Committee, will promote best-practices for greenhouse gas reduction and climate adaptation strategies within the municipalities in furtherance of certification under the Climate Smart Communities Program and the County's Community and Climate Action Plan.

Invited Guest Speaker

None

Old Business

Earth Week Preparations, Update – Evan Neumann

Willow LFA Meeting – Arlene Weissman

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) – Linda Setchell, Task Force Coordinator

New Business

Central Hudson Herbicide Application – Evan Neumann

Big Deep, Little Deep Signage – Evan Neumann

Planning Board workshop sessions – Julia Blelock

Large Scale Energy Moratorium – Ken Panza

Public be Heard

Adjournment

Next scheduled WEC Meeting,
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM,
Comeau Great Room

Invited Speaker, Tracey Bouvette
Saugerties Landfill Contamination

No WEC Meeting on April 1