

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Members: Austin Tylec, Deb Gondek, Tim Pieper, Emily Root, Erin Robinson, Brian Conley (Senior Planner, University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Josh McClain (University at Buffalo Regional Institute)

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) **Approval of September meeting minutes**

Tim motion to accept; Erin 2nd. Carried.

2) **Attendance**

- a) Jack Kanack advised that he has a commitment on 5pm Wednesdays for the next 8 weeks and will miss the October and November task force meetings.
- b) Austin to follow-up with Mustafa re: task force participation

3) **Climate Resiliency Plan**

- a. Recap of 10/4 Community Meeting
 - i. Received good feedback, emphasizing need for funding to support priority actions. Review period open through 10/12.
- b. Prep for 10/24 Common Council Workshop
 - i. Reviewed slides for upcoming presentation to Common Council, will send draft plan in advance, gather input and will follow up with resolution and a final plan for vote.
- c. CRP Sub-Committee Meeting Scheduled for 10/25
 - i. May opt to cancel, depending on outcome of Common Council meeting.

4) **State & Local Clean Energy Partnership Act**

- a. Discussed several opportunities including information from Joule, Solar Simplified, and Community Campaigns as potential options to provide renewable energy options to residents with some funding support to the City.
- b. Action: Look into this more and assess options. Keep on the agenda for next month.

5) **Unified Solar Permit**

- a. Reviewed application for unified solar permit. This document helps code enforcement and developers to move forward with solar projects in a manner that ensures proper protocols for disposal, etc. are adhered to. Other local municipalities have adopted this. Ultimate goal is to get it adopted as code. Erin and Austin will work on a cover letter and present to the Common Council at a future meeting.

6) **Source Water Protection Plan**

- a. At our last meeting we reviewed maps that identify points of interest (i.e. point source pollution locations, hazardous waste sites/brownfields, waterways, etc.), talked about protection and management methods as well as implementation strategies. We will be looking at some examples from other completed plans to help further develop these details.

7) **Other Business**

- a. Community outreach opportunity for 2024 in relation to the Inflation Reduction Act. Revisit this in next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03. Motion by Emily, second by Austin.

Next Meeting: November 8, 5pm @ City Hall.