

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Members: Austin Tylec, Erin Robinson, Deb Gondek, Emily Root, Jack Kanack, Mike Tuzzo, Jim Berry, Tim Pieper, Matthew Bourke (advisor), Jason Kulaszewski (advisor), Mustafa (guest)

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1) Discussion on potential new member- Mustafa. Interest in home energy programs, solar, wind (more residential).
- 2) Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2023: Motion by Austin to approve the January 2023 minutes. Seconded by Jack. Approved.
- 3) NT Recycling: Issues & Opportunities update
 - a. Agreement approved, \$99/ton fixed amount. Approximately an additional \$25k in 2023 in costs.
 - b. Dawn Tim will compile info on glass for us. May consider doing outreach/education.
 - c. Support expanded bottle bill, expanded producer responsibility
 - d. Potentially a winery that will accept glass wine bottles
 - e. Bipartisan infrastructure law- consumer outreach grant to municipalities to complete education, upcoming deadline 2/15
- 4) Climate Adaptation Plan
 - a. Completing pre-planning, collecting materials, working with several interns
 - b. Interest from Mike, Erin, Jack in participating in sub-committee
 - c. Will schedule separate kickoff meeting for sub-committee
- 5) Discussion on NYS Executive Order 22
 - a. Reviewed requirements and guidelines to reduce embodied carbon from NYS state agencies, and actions that they will be held accountable to
 - b. Green NY Council was developed as a result to determine how this will be implemented
 - c. NT, and other local municipalities, could use these standards to set up their own requirements
- 6) Public Outreach
 - a. Logo approved
 - b. CSC Facebook page- add mission, talk about members. One of the first posts we can do is education and awareness about recycling. Deb and Emily will share responsibility of managing/patrolling/responding to people on page.
 - c. Update to common council- February 28th. Deb will take the lead on putting together an agenda and presenting. Will circulate
- 7) Source Water Protection Initiative
 - a. Emily and Austin will work on compiling a list of stakeholders to provide to DOH who will then convene a kickoff meeting
- 8) NT Zoning: High Energy Use District Overlay
 - a. Had an initial draft, since then have had a lot of key learnings from City of Niagara Falls
 - b. Deb working on updating, will share out draft when its ready
- 9) Other Updates

- a. Comprehensive Plan- City representatives had call with Valleria from DOS. Plan to combine LWRP and Comp Plan into one RFP. Ensure RFP reflects what we need for CSC points. Tim and Mike can weigh in on RFP. Emily and Mike would like to be on committee for this.

Motion by Emily to adjourn meeting; seconded by Austin at 6:09pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 8 @ 5pm City Hall