

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 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)

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2022: Motion by Erin to approve the December 2022 minutes. Seconded by Jack. Approved.

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1) Election of Officers for 2023
 - a. Nomination by Austin, seconded by Erin for Deb to serve as Task Force Chair. Motion by Jim for approval, second by Jack. Approved.
 - b. Nomination by Austin, seconded by Emily for Erin to serve as Task Force Vice Chair. Motion by Mike for approval, second by Austin. Approved.
 - c. Nomination by Erin, seconded by Austin for Emily to serve as Secretary. Motion by Mike for approval, second by Austin. Approved.
- 2) NT Recycling: Issues & Opportunities update
 - a. Several Task Force members did a visit to Modern facility
 - b. Hochul's budget that's being passed next week will include state legislation on solutions for some of the challenges
 - c. Extending current contract for 2 months and continuing to assess opportunities
- 3) Climate Adaptation Plan
 - a. UBRI has capacity to work more in depth with a few communities on a Climate Adaptation Plan, Matt would lead in partnership with several students from UB
 - b. Reviewed document developed by Matt
 - c. Task Force would act as working group for plan development, we could also help with some community engagement
 - d. Discussed completing a scoping plan early on in process to define what we would incorporate in the planning process beyond flooding
 - e. A Council vote is required for points. Can be folded into the Comprehensive Plan as an appendix
 - f. The Task Force decided to proceed with plan development. Motion by Austin to approve moving forward with development of a Climate Adaptation Plan, Emily seconded. Approved.
- 4) CSC Logo Options
 - a. Kristen Derby developed several options.
 - b. Decided on third option, with vegetation replaced with the tree from the second option. Adjust "City of North Tonawanda" to be bolder and potentially blue. Erin will take feedback to Kristen to update.
- 5) Noise levels / Decibel readings
 - a. Sound level pressure is heard differently at different frequencies. Different types of readings are needed for different frequencies. This is relevant to noise levels from Fortistar and another facility in Tonawanda. Having maximum decibel levels for A, B and

C frequencies could be helpful for preventing high noise levels for potential future industry. The group discussed the potential of incorporating it into future planning documents.

- 6) Source Water Protection Initiative
 - a. DOH working on onboarding a new staff, and will reach out once that happens. Should have an update by the next meeting.
- 7) Other Updates
 - a. City was awarded funding for the development of a Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan

Motion by Erin to adjourn meeting; seconded by Tim at 6:31pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 8 @ 5pm City Hall