

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Members: Austin Tylec, Emily Root, Deb Gondek, Jim Berry

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1) **Approval of October Minutes.**
Austin motion to accept; Jim 2nd. Carried.
- 2) **NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Grant**
Deerwood golf course insulation grant proposal is moving forward. C&S will be submitting energy audit on Monday; last item required for \$25k grant from NYSERDA.
NYSERDA is still approving proposal for air conditioning at the Carnegie Art Center.
- 3) **Source Water Protection Initiative**
 - A) Priority Projects. The Request for Implementation Assistance was accepted by the state. Waiting to hear on next steps from the state-hired consultant.
 - B) The state is also working on scheduling a time for an interview to speak with representatives involved with the DWSP2 process and discuss their DWSP2 process, successes, and collaboration amongst entities involved, among other topics. This interview will be used for DWSP2 resources in the future. Looking at mid January-February.
 - C) Plan is posted on our website and Emily will share out on social media.
- 4) **NT's Comprehensive Plan**
 - A) Nov 21: Waterfront Revitalization Program @ Dockside
 - B) Comprehensive plan should be wrapping up soon.
- 5) **NY Power Authority Renewable Energy Plan**
 - A) Draft plan presented 11/7: proposes 40 projects representing 3.5 GW of capacity (solar, onshore wind, battery energy storage systems)
<https://www.nypa.gov/-/media/nypa/documents/document-library/renewables/NYPA-Renewables-Draft-Strategic-Plan>
 - B) Public comments can be submitted to: NYPARenewablesConferral@nypa.gov
- 6) **NT Climate Challenge Game**
 - A) Interactive session to build support for actions to reduce GHG emissions; facilitated by UB, with results incorporated into the Buffalo Niagara Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
 - B) Deb and Josh will meet this week to coordinate session for CSC December meeting.
- 7) **Other Business**
 - A) Lois Gibbs @ UB: Nov 14 @ 6pm. Will be rescheduled.

8) Agenda Items for January 2025

- A) Officer Nominations & Vote for Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary
- B) Review CSC Bronze (renewal) & point requirements for Silver

Meeting adjourned at 5:27. Motion by Austin, second by Emily.

Next Meeting: December 11, 5pm @ Mayor's House.