

## MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024

### **Attendees, In person @ City Hall:**

Members: Austin Tylec, Emily Root, Deb Gondek, Jim Berry, Mike Tuzzo, Jason Kulaszewski (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Elliot Lear (MUP student at UB, [elliott.g.lear@gmail.com](mailto:elliott.g.lear@gmail.com))

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

### **AGENDA TOPICS:**

- 1) **Approval of March meeting minutes**  
Austin motion to accept; Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.
- 2) **Source Water Protection Initiative**
  - a) Still waiting on the state to give feedback on the draft plan. Once we get that feedback we can regroup on the potential implementation actions.
    - a. **Outreach:** Lawn & Garden Chemicals (1), Marinas & Boats (3); **SPDES permits (6.4); Sustainable Stormwater Management / Filtration (6.5); Source Water Monitoring (7)**
    - b. Erin: Research on SPDES permitted facilities (6.2) and Potential contamination map / Emergency Plan (6.3)
    - c. Tim: Examples of actions other municipalities have advanced
    - d. Group: Determine 3 priority implementation actions with technical assistance from DOH
- 3) **Solar Campaign**
  - a. Council approved
  - b. NYSERDA Scoping Document- reviewed and filled out as a group
  - c. Eligibility: Residents, Small businesses, municipal buildings
- 4) **NT's LWRP & Comprehensive Plan**
  - a. The first public meeting will be held on April 11 at the Carnegie. One additional public meeting will be held towards the end of the process. A public survey, tabling at market, and tours are some other methods of engagement that will be happening.
- 5) **Outreach to NY Residents (March-June)**
  - a) Community Solar- biggest priority
  - b) Comprehensive Plan- ongoing, led by consultants
  - c) Hazard Preparedness/Residential Opportunities/Funding Sources for Homeowners
    - Cornell Cooperative Extension might have information on energy efficiency and home energy audits, Josh Randall might be able to help locate resources. Could educate residents on what goes into a hazard preparedness kit.
  - d) Earth Day/Community Clean Up, taking place on 4/20 9am at Mayor's Park
  - e) Rain Barrel Program
    - Austin shared out information through newsletter on current rain barrel and composter sale through Erie County.
  - f) Expanded Bottle Bill & Packaging Bill (TBD based on NYS approvals)
- 6) **Miscellaneous**
  - a) Community Development: Approval of Labella as consultant for DRI - Oliver Street Walkability & Implementation of Smart Growth 2.0 for streetscape improvements
  - b) Fleet Inventory- Jason will submit to NYSERDA tomorrow.
  - c) Potential New Task Force Members- no new updates

7) **Other Business**

- a) None

Meeting adjourned at 6:09. Motion by Emily, second by Deb.

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 5pm @ City Hall.