

## MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

**Date:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Members: Austin Tylec, Tim Pieper, Emily Root, Deb Gondek, Erin Robinson, Jim Berry, Mike Tuzzo, Jason Kulaszewski (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Josh Randall (Natural Resource Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

### **AGENDA TOPICS:**

- 1) **Approval of February meeting minutes**  
Austin motion to accept; Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.
- 2) **Source Water Protection Initiative**
  - a) Recent update from state that first round of feedback from state should be received in the next week or so. Discussion on potential projects for a state consultant to advance forward after the plan is complete. Depending on further information on the scope of what the state consultant can accomplish, priority recommendations would be for actions 3, 6.4, and 6.5. Other actions for consideration are 1 & 7. Erin will do some follow up on 6.2 and 6.3 to see what information is publicly available and whether technical assistance would be beneficial or not. Tim will look into what actions other municipalities have advanced through this program. Discuss 3 potential implementation actions with technical assistance from DOH.
  - b) Talked about 'home for a gnome' program and storm drain stenciling as some other options for community engagement and education.
- 3) **Solar Campaign**
  - a. Council will vote on this for residential and commercial properties on Tuesday.
  - b. Considering submitting something for municipal buildings
  - c. Jason will send around a shared google doc to coordinate on developing the NYSERDA scoping document.
- 4) **NT's LWRP & Comprehensive Plan**
  - a. The first public meeting will be held on April 11 at the Carnegie. Will share the flyer on our facebook.
  - b. Received draft community engagement plans, includes public meetings, workshops, tours, interviews, in school youth engagement, entertainment crawl, chalkboards, etc
- 5) **Outreach to NY Residents (March-June)**
  - a) Community Solar
  - b) Comprehensive Plan
  - c) Hazard Preparedness/Residential Opportunities/Funding Sources for Homeowners- hold for now
  - d) Earth Day/Community Clean Up, taking place on 4/20 9am at Mayor's Park
  - e) Rain Barrel Program
  - f) Expanded Bottle Bill & Packaging Bill (TBD based on NYS approvals)
- 6) **Miscellaneous**
  - a) Fleet Inventory- waiting for a response on this
  - b) Potential New Task Force Members
- 7) **Other Business**
  - a) None

Meeting adjourned at 6:06. Motion by Emily, second by Deb.

**Next Meeting:** April 10, 5pm @ City Hall.