

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Emily Root, Deb Gondek, Tim Pieper, Erin Robinson, Mike Tuzzo, Austin Tylec, Jim Berry, Elliot Lear (MUP student at UB), Jason Kulaszewski (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension)

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) Approval of March minutes

Austin motion to accept; Tim 2nd. Carried.

2) Discussion of Priority Area Research

- a. NT energy bill passed.
- b. LWRP/Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Priorities Discussion. Reviewed current draft document and discussed ideas of limiting development in wetland areas and along the Canal. Send comments to Tim and he will compile and submit on behalf of the Task Force.

3) Campaign and Research Area Updates

- a. Digihost- acoustic training for noise readings in May. Will need to update codes to include enforcement procedures and timelines.
- b. Solar Simplified- interconnection issues were preventing customers from seeing savings on their bills but should be resolved this spring. Approximately 312 residents enrolled. NT will receive a check for the credits for the program in spring as well.
- c. Natural Resource Inventory- holding off to see if UBRI can provide support this summer, potentially starting in May.
- d. CSC Silver Status: Research and Accumulation Status- Bronze expires in 2027. Will ramp up efforts for Silver certification next year if we are able to achieve enough points.
- e. Creation of environmental cuts database creation: impact of funding sources. Erin will share around once its ready.

4) Community Connections

- a. Social Media Platforms: continued promotion of energy saving resources.
- b. April: Earth Day events week of April 22.
 - i. NT Rec Pinewoods Park East Egg Hunt with Environmental Activity 4/12
 - ii. NT Canal cleanups 4/19
 - iii. Waterkeeper shoreline sweep 4/26.
- c. May: Lawn Gnome Campaign. Erin will follow up to see if we can hand out lawn signs to residents that sign up.
- d. UBRI CSC Panel discussion May 21. Half day event for registered communities, providing resources and providing information via a panel. Erie County, NT, Town of Aurora, Village of Lancaster will likely be on panel.

5) Other Business

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 5:45. Motion by Tim, second by Emily.

Next Meeting: May 14, 4:30pm @ City Hall.