

## MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

**Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

Emily Root, Deb Gondek, Tim Pieper, Erin Robinson, Elliot Lear (MUP student at UB), Josh McClain (University at Buffalo Regional Institute)

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm

### **AGENDA TOPICS:**

#### **1) Approval of January Minutes.**

Deb motion to accept; Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

#### **2) Discussion of Priority Area Research**

- a. Micro-Nuclear as a potential energy supplement. Community Information Session held on February 5 at the Carnegie and a public hearing February 11 at City Hall regarding the proposed local law establishing a nuclear-free zone in North Tonawanda. City officials agreed to consult experts for insights to finalize wording before scheduling a council vote.
- b. Impacts for local communities: connecting with Buffalo and other communities that may be faced with similar nuclear projects.
- c. Environmental/Climate policy rollbacks since 1/20/25- monitoring and trying to stay on top of updates.

#### **3) Updates on Initiatives**

- a. Natural Resource Inventory: plan to meet with a smaller group to discuss how we can make progress on this.
- b. Klydel Wetlands: current NT wetland ordinance could use strengthening. Conservation zoning district or CEA are options Tim is looking into.
- c. Solar Simplified and other clean energy initiatives for residential community households. Erin will reach out to get an update from Solar Simplified.

#### **4) Community Connections**

- a. Social Media Platforms: Elliot has an updated draft to promote NYSERDA programs and will share around with team.
- b. Niagara County CSC: no known updates.
- c. April: Earth Day events week of April 22.
- d. May: Lawn Gnome Campaign. Erin will look into how we can utilize Erie County's Home for a Gnome program.
- e. UBRI is hoping to pull together CSC Task Forces from Erie and Niagara Counties sometime in spring, date TBD.

#### **5) Other Business**

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:01. Motion by Emily, second by Deb.

**Next Meeting:** March 12, 5pm @ City Hall.