

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

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

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1) **Approval of February minutes.**
Deb motion to accept; Austin 2nd. Carried.
- 2) **Move meetings to 4:30 moving forward.**
- 3) **Discussion of Priority Area Research**
 - a. Micro-nuclear energy policy – will match fed regulations. Will be voted on by Common Council on Tuesday.
 - b. Local NT law and any updates from other WNY munis – no new updates.
 - c. EPA cuts and pollution monitoring stoppages, regional, national, international impact – Erin will compile information for next meeting.
- 4) **Updates on Initiatives**
 - a. Natural Resource Inventory: Tim sent around information. UBRI may be able to help with this via student support this summer.
 - b. Wetland webinar: comment period on DEC's general permit extended to end of month.
 - c. Solar Simplified campaign: no update.
 - d. LWRP/Comprehensive Plan: Should be getting a draft project list soon, will distribute to group. Through the Comprehensive Plan will be looking at wetlands and defining areas that should be protected. Who will be in charge of tracking progress/reviewing progress once these documents are complete?
- 5) **Community Connections**
 - a. Social Media Platforms: continued promotion of energy saving resources.
 - b. April: Earth Day events week of April 22. NT Canal cleanups 4/19, Waterkeeper shoreline sweep 4/26.
 - c. May: Lawn Gnome Campaign. Jason distributed materials. Will follow up with the Environmental Management Council to see if NT can distribute signs for those that take the pledge.
 - 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.
- 6) **Other Business**
 - a. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:07. Motion by Emily, second by Deb.

Next Meeting: April 9, 4:30pm @ City Hall.