

MEETING MINUTES FOR NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Attendees, In person @ City Hall:

Members: Austin Tylec, Deb Gondek, Jack Kanack, Tim Pieper, Mike Tuzzo, Emily Root, Erin Robinson, Jim Berry, Brian Conley (Senior Planner, University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Jason Kulaszewski (Clean Energy Coordinator, University at Buffalo Regional Institute)

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) **Approval of August meeting minutes**

Erin motion to accept; Jack 2nd. Carried.

2) **Climate Resiliency Plan**

- a. Prep for 10/4 Community Meeting
 - i. Meeting will be held via Zoom. Group will begin promoting meeting to the public. Reviewed and discussed agenda.
- b. Timeline updates
 - i. September 22- Share draft plan with Working Group
 - ii. September 27- Finalize draft plan at subcommittee meeting
 - iii. October 4- Public meeting (Public Comment Period: October 4-11)
 - iv. October 24- Common Council workshop (send info to Donna Braun by 10/17)
 - v. October 27- Working Group meeting to review final plan
 - vi. November 6- Common Council vote (send info to Donna Braun by 10/28)
- c. Draft Recommendations that came out of stakeholder workshop
 - i. 22 participants, great representation from City staff and other community organizations
 - ii. Emergency infrastructure, green infrastructure, funding were major priorities discussed.
 - iii. Clean energy hub through Niagara County Cornell Cooperative Extension could be a good resource to direct folks to

3) **Source Water Protection Plan**

- a. At our last meeting we reviewed maps that identify points of interest (i.e. point source pollution locations, hazardous waste sites/brownfields, waterways, etc.), began talking about protection and management methods as well as implementation strategies which we will continue to discuss at our next meeting which should be scheduled for the next few weeks

4) **Unified Solar Permit**

- a. Jason shared a handout on info sheet and permit application.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00. Motion by Emily, second by Austin.

Next Meeting: October 11, 5pm @ City Hall.