

Agenda

NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2025, 5:00 pm, City Hall, North Tonawanda

Attendees, In person @ City Hall: Austin Tylec, Erin Robinson, Tim Pieper, Emily Root, Jim Berry, Mike Tuzzo, Justine Stevens, Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension), Erin Hanaburgh (University at Buffalo Regional Institute)

Not Present: Deb Gondek

Meeting called to order at 5:02.

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) **Approval of November and December minutes**

Austin motion to accept; Tim 2nd. Carried.

2) **Discussion of CSC Status Updates**

- a. Reviewed dashboard update Erin Hamburg put together with updated points needed for recertification. Erin will pull expired actions that we need to renew.
- b. The process has shifted to 2 cycles for recertification (was 3), our target is May 2027.

3) **Campaign and Research Area Updates**

- a. Reviewed source water protection brochure examples developed by DOH/LaBella
 - a. Lawn and garden brochure- discussed sending out in summer in sanitation mailers, Emily will follow up to ensure we have permission
- b. Niagara River Remedial Action Committee- Emily will send out information to group on how to get involved
- c. Noise Ordinance Zoning updates- will be voted on by the Common Council next week
- d. Nurdles- Deb sent around an article about these, which exist along all waterways in the area. Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper offers trainings for volunteers on nurdle collection. If we do outreach in the future we could include this, Erin has a vial of nurdles she collected.

4) **Community Connections**

- a. Consideration of grant money available for municipal infrastructure
 - a. Clean Energy Communities funding will open in spring
 - b. NT working on charging station grant
 - c. Green Infrastructure project going in along Oliver Street
 - d. Recently awarded funding for infrastructure improvements on Tonawanda Island
- b. BNP petition to move back climate technologies state deadline

5) **New Business**

- a. Invite Dawn Timm and Audubon to future meetings

Meeting adjourned 5:47: Motion by Austin, Emily 2nd.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026