

Minutes

NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 pm, City Hall, North Tonawanda

Attendees In Person @ City Hall: Austin Tylec, Erin Robinson, Tim Pieper, Emily Root, Jim Berry, Jim Guido, Justine Stevens, Deb Gondek, Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension), Erin Hanaburgh (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Breton Sloan (Buffalo Audubon)

Meeting called to order at 5:02.

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) Approval of February minutes

Deb motion to accept; Austin 2nd. Carried.

2) Discussion of CSC Status Updates

- a. Dawn Timm will join us in May.
- b. New members- Nick attending next time, Jim

3) Campaign and Research Area Updates

- a. Noise Ordinance Zoning- Common Council vote passed to update the ordinance as follows-
 - Residential or public space: 55 dBA and 65dBC from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 50 dBA and 55 dBC from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Commercial spaces: 60 dBA and 65 dBC from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 55 dBA and 60 dBC from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- b. Other local campaign/interest updates
 - a. Social media announcement and campaign Erie County re: rain barrels and compost bin sale <https://erie.compostersale.com/>
- c. Erin H shared google drive with members via email to track points as we go
- d. GHG inventory that UBRI did can be submitted for an additional action
- e. Part of the natural resources action is complete, just needs to be compiled together (talk to Nick to see if he would be able to help)

4) Community Connections

- a. Grant opportunities updates (Clean Community, infrastructure projects, charging stations, etc)-
 - a. Keep as a standing item for next time for updates on Klydel wetland/Audubon proposal
 - b. Applied for charging station at Manhattan St
 - c. Tonawanda Island- streetscape improvements
- b. NYS Climate and Community Protection Act (CCPA): Advocacy developments
 - a. Infrastructure improvements for utilities throughout NT over the next several years, \$150 million in NT

5) New Business

- a. Add placeholder for future monthly state climate + energy regulation updates
- b. In April UBRI and SBR are doing a webinar on roadmap to emission reduction, policy focused
- c. April 23rd, Audubon is hosting a Bird Friendly Buffalo symposium
- d. NYSERDA asking for feedback on Clean Energy Communities Program- https://portal.nyserda.ny.gov/CORE_Solicitation_Detail_Page?SolicitationId=a0rcr0000ytFaTAAU
- e. Canal Clean-Up at Mayors Park on April 18th at 9am

- f. BNW Cleanup on April 25th and Nurdle Patrol training at Gratwick May 9th or 21st, can register for both on BNW website

Meeting adjourned at 6:11. Motion by Austin, 2nd by Jim.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026