

## Agenda

### NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 5:00 pm, City Hall, North Tonawanda

**Attendees In Person @ City Hall:** Erin Robinson, Tim Pieper, Jim Berry, Emily Root, Jim Guido, Justine Stevens, Nick DiNardo, Evan Clausen, Erin Hanaburgh (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension), Dawn Timm (Niagara County)

Meeting Called to order at 5:04

#### AGENDA TOPICS:

##### 1) Approval of April minutes

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

##### 2) Campaign and Research Area Updates

- a. Guest presentation and discussion: Dawn Timm, Niagara County
  - i. NT has a self-haul program. \$105/ton to process, plus cost to move.
  - ii. Glass- breaks down, gets contaminated with other things and is not lucrative or efficient to recycle. Several bottle bills related to glass recycling being circulated in Senate/Assembly.
  - iii. 25% of what goes in recycling bin is trash
  - iv. Center for Sustainable Business Management completed a Phase 1 and Phase 2 of recycling needs assessment and gap analysis
  - v. Hazardous waste- rechargeable batteries can cause fires. Any battery less than 25 lbs can go back to a retailer that sells reusable batteries. October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 9-noon can bring in hazardous waste to NT DPW.
  - vi. Recycle Right NY is a good resource
- b. Other local campaign/interest updates (Justine, Josh)
  - i. Reminder: Social media announcement and campaign Erie County re: rain barrels and compost bin sale through May 27 <https://erie.compostersale.com/>
  - ii. Source water Pamphlets and Compost Locations- Plan for pamphlets to get sent out next year
- c. Updates on research for CSC status (Tim and Erin H.)
  - i. Regional GHG inventory was approved, and we can use that data for points
  - ii. Meeting from May 11, at 6:30 pm, UB Planning Grad Program presenting on NT Parks Master Plan – Evan has a copy in Mayor’s office
  - iii. Complete streets, natural inventory, comprehensive plan are other areas Tim is looking into

##### 3) Community Connections; State and Local

- a. Updates, Opportunities:
  - i. CNS will look at climate/green grant opportunities- CFAs coming out soon
  - ii. Charging stations moving forward, will be 4 on Manhattan St
- b. NYS Climate and Community Protection Act (CCPA): Advocacy developments (Erin R., Deb)
  - i. How Trumps EPA Head has Transformed the EPA or [Podcast: Dismantling the EPA](#): a good listen to what we have been discussing
  - ii. DigiPower X and datacenter updates- working on moratorium

##### 4) Community Calendar

- a. May 14, Green Drinks, 5:30 pm, Streetlight Brasserie, 5 E Huron St, Buffalo, NY 14203, with [Reddy Bikeshare](#).
- b. [May EnviroNews](#), grants, events, fun facts; courtesy of Brenda Young, Daemen University

c. [May 21, Nurdle Patrol Training, 10-11am](#)

5) **New Business**

a. None

Meeting adjourned at 6:23. Motion by Evan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026