

Climate Smart Task Force Meeting Minutes
February 9th, 2022 @ 5:00 PM
North Tonawanda City Hall

Board Member Attendance - Austin Tylec, Brian Wudyka, Debbie Gondek, Emily Root, Timothy Pieper, Emily Root, Jim Berry, Michael Tuzzo, Erin Robinson

Absent/ Excused- Robert Depaolo, Frank Dibernardo

Call to order - 5:04 PM

I. Follow Ups on past and Present Projects

Benchmarking

- Government building audits- legislation is done which will score us additional points
- Jason has talked to Crimson power and is waiting for them to send the audits to the city- group will circle back.

Complete Streets

- Will be on the Workshop agenda - needs to be finalized by February 16th
- March 1st will hopefully be the approval date.
- Deb will put together a presentation for the common council

Charging Station

- Funding source has not replied in regards to money
- City may have lost the grant funding due to missing email
- Austin will Reach out once again
- Canal Corp may be another funding source available

Inventory

- Waiting on Crimson to give us access to the portal

II. Solar Farm Zoning

- Moratorium is still in order
- We should present this to the city council as a collaboration between CSC and the council
- North Tonawanda does not have many plots of land that could be use as an industrial sized solar farm- NT is more suitable for a community scale- 10 acre sights
- Use Wheatfield laws as a blueprint and adapt off of that
- Group Members will will reach out to other municipalities
- Thoughts of using Durez as a solar farm sight- Austin will look into speaking with the land owners.
- Landscaping is very important and should be included in the solar zoning laws.
- Conversation on changing tax exemption laws and offering pilots - group members will look into this process.
- Attorney will look at our first draft and let us know of any concerns.
- Group must look into Decommission planning
- We must have a public hearing on our Solar Law plans- Final draft to be done by April 18th

III. Project Progression

- Group has 115 with documents submitted
- Need to do 3 priority tasks
- Doing a couple of other tasks will prevent us from falling short of Bronze level

IV. Adjournment-

1st; Austin T 2nd; Deb G