

Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Fleet Center / Zoom
December 1, 2022 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Drafted: December 2, 2022
Approved: January 5, 2023

Members: Sean Delehanty, Richard Milne, John Botelho, Matthew O'Connor, Sue Hughes-Smith, Kate Walker, Mike Garland

Absent: Mike Yudelson, Lola D'Ascentiis

Staff: Clement Chung, Tina Stevens, Joe VanKerkhove, Pat Gooch

Guests:

Attending via Zoom: Loretta Morrell

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (Co-Chair O'Connor):

Meeting called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Co-Chair O'Connor.

1. Matt O'Connor and Rick Milne will be presenting on the Climate Action Plan later this month to the Village Mayors Association.
2. Kate Walker and Sue Hughes-Smith presented on the plan to the Environmental Management Council.
3. Sue and Lola D'Ascentiis will be presenting at School 12 on January 12.

Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Yudelson):

Minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting unanimously approved. Motion by Rick Milne; seconded by Matt O'Connor.

Legislative Update (Legislators Yudelson, Hughes-Smith, Delehanty and Milne):

1. Sue Hughes-Smith and Rick Milne stated that the Phase 2 scope is on the agenda for the December 8 Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature. Rick and Sue will speak on behalf of adoption. The list of projects that was developed at the November CAP meeting will be very helpful.
2. Matt O'Connor spoke about the 14 applications that were received from area youth for the two non-voting youth seats on the CAP. All of the applicants were of very high quality. Every committee member reviewed each application and they were ranked on a scale of 100 points. CAP members approved sending all 14 applicants to the Majority / Minority Leadership of the Legislature in order of these rankings, with the final appointments at their discretion. Matt O'Connor will handle getting this information compiled as well as the recommendations of the committee and a summary. It is hoped that the Legislature will act expeditiously so that the new members can join for the January meeting. All applicants will be invited to attend all future meetings as guests via the zoom link.

Climate Action Plan Phase 2 (All):

1. Phase 2 contract with Bergmann has been approved, and Joe VanKerkhove has been working on amending the original contract. This should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
2. Discussion about strategies for outreach:
 - What about schools as institutions, and reaching out at the district level to impact policies, procedures and purchasing decisions?
 - Color Community Green groups are tracking what school districts have
 - Superintendents Association would be a great way to reach out to Facilities administrators
 - What level does the CAPC want to work with?
 - John Botelho noted that there were not many youth applicants from the west side of the County. Sue encouraged everyone to think about opportunities to engage that part of the County, including SUNY Brockport and school superintendents.
 - Capital upgrade programs would be great places to incorporate energy saving ideas.
 - Rick Milne said that the Village Mayors Association and the Association of Towns (Town Supervisors Association) are excellent starting points to take information back to communities.
 - How to reach industries? This is thought to be part of the Bergmann strategy. Clem Chung stated that large utilities are on the Comprehensive Plan list.
 - Climate Solutions Accelerator is developing a business roundtable for Monroe County, where commercial partners can be engaged and challenges shared. Additionally, businesses can hear why the answers are good for business. Erie County has 75 businesses and this effort is supported by the EPA. Connecting with groups like the Pollution Prevention Institute (P2I) who work with businesses to mitigate waste: the problems are different for each business.
 - Clem Chung discussed the Climate Vulnerability Assessment, in which local utilities will be participating. This process will address the larger questions, such as consumption and will be an evolving process.

- Clem asked members to review the list he compiled and distributed in November for outreach. The groups he listed will supply different sets of data. There should be a lead group within sectors for the sharing of questions. The list can be filtered and specific outreach targeted to specific groups.
- CAP members were asked to review the original list and sent their thoughts and opinions for feedback to Clem.
- John Botelho stated that the agricultural community needs to be included, as they will also see impacts. It was noted that the Climate Solutions Accelerator regional strategy has an ag sector. Pat Gooch also stated that the update to the County's Comprehensive plan will as well. Sue Hughes-Smith asked about the Forest Land Association, and was told they would be included. Sean Delehanty suggested Cornell Cooperative Extension as well.
- Kate Walker said to make sure the website was/stays updated. A good example was the Planning Department site. Bergmann will create a page for Communications.
- Pat Gooch stated that there must be many ways to communicate, including paper, in-person, and electronically. All forms of communication must have access to several languages. Documents could be translated.
- Matt O'Connor asked if there were revisions to the scope of work for Phase 2. Clem said it should be the same as the one the committee was provided with earlier this year.
- For the January meeting, a review of the list of organizations was suggested.
- Kate Walker volunteered to be a part of an Outreach and Education subcommittee.
- Bergmann should be proving content for "Meeting in a Box", designed to make outreach simple.

Public Forum:

No comments or requests to speak were received.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 3:30 **in-person** at the Monroe County Fleet Center Building 1 Conference Room. Changes or updates to the meeting venue will be communicated to the committee via email.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Hughes-Smith; second by Matt O'Connor. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.